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Fatal Accident

The Belleville Ontario of Monday says: "Another Grand Trunk employee of some years standing met a violent death at 12.40 this morning. George Thomas Ramsay, a popular young man, was working on the turntable in the old round-house at his usual occupation of turning the table and putting the engines away, when he became caught between two engines. In turning, some of the large engines come so close to one another that they strike. The young man seemed to have miscalculated the space, for he was caught at the shoulders and neck between the buffer beams of two engines and squeezed to death. The fatality was witnessed by a companion who relates that the victim made one gasp only and died."

Fattening Poultry

A man who has made a success of fattening poultry, writing in the American Agriculturist, says the ration which gave the largest and most economical gain was made up of equal parts of corn meal, ground hulled oats, ground, hulled barley and beef scrap. To this was added twice the weight of buttermilk. No water was given. The same amount of well soured milk in place of the buttermilk gave nearly equal results. This rotation gave better results when mixed and allowed to stand twelve hours before feeding. The birds were fed twice daily as much as they would clean up in twenty minutes. The high art of fattening poultry, seems he said to rest with the feeders ability to know when the fowls have almost enough, but would like one or two more mouthfuls. When that time is reached the food should be removed at once. It is better to underfeed a trifle than to overfeed. If fowls are overfed they "go stale" and refuse to eat well and so fail to make good gains.

Spring Brook

Wm. Linn is back again to Spring Brook after one season's farming in Saskatchewan. No place like old Ontario.

A travelling Medicine combination advertising and show have been performing in the L. O. F. Hall here for the past week. They are gone, but no tears were shed.

P. Welch's usefulness has been very much impaired for the last five weeks by a severe attack of inflammation in the eyes.

T. J. Thompson received a telegram on Sunday that his brother, W. H., residing in Manitoba, was dead. He and R. W. Thompson left on Monday for Winnipeg to attend the funeral.

The Epworth League on last Tuesday evening varied their usual proceedings by a spelling match and entertainment, after which refreshments were discussed.

The Farmers' Co-operative Store Company is booming. Already over \$3700.00 of the stock has been taken. There are some two or three vigorous kickers against the enterprise, moved no doubt by self interest or some other selfish motive; but it is a curious fact that the more some people oppose a movement in which the public is interested, the faster it moves.

Madoc Junction Items

Mrs. M. Hoard spent a couple of days with her daughter, Mrs. J. M. Clarke. Mrs. J. Juby has returned after spending a few days with her niece, Mrs. A. Miller of Madoc.

Mrs. Wm. Fitchett is visiting her mother, Mrs. Alexander of Picton. Mr. A. D. McIntosh of the Dept. of Agriculture at Stirling spent Friday last with J. M. Clarke in Orchard Demonstration work.

Messrs. Clarke, Cooke and Ashley, our local Oddfellows spent the evening of the 21st at Madoc and report a good time.

Mrs. J. R. Clarke spent a few days in Stirling with her daughter, Mrs. A. Seely.

Halloway

The Xmas entertainment for the Halloway S. S. will be given on Tuesday night, Dec. 20th. A good programme is under preparation.

Mr. Harry Smith and wife of Belleville spent Sunday with his parents here.

Miss Nora Broadworth has been engaged to teach at the Turner school, and Miss Ethel Adams is withdrawing from the Zion Hill School.

The greatest danger from influenza is of its resulting in pneumonia. This can be obviated by using Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, as it not only cures influenza, but counteracts any tendency of the disease towards pneumonia. Sold by all dealers.

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What Happens to the Skunk

The price of furs has advanced wonderfully in recent years. A good silver fox-skin now brings from £150 to £200 in England. The result of the increasing demand for furs, and the steadily decreasing supply, is seen in the ingenuity with which furriers utilize the skins of the humble muskrat and the even more humble skunk to imitate more expensive furs. A writer in the Canadian Gazette notes the large number of furs which the Hudson Bay Company exports from Canada, and enumerates among the rest, "the muskrat, very cleverly sheared to half its length, and dyed the color of sealskin. In this form it is used very much for long coats, which have the appearance of sealskin, but are half the weight." Skunk is "used in its natural dark brown color for stoles, muffs and trimmings." The writer omits to say that it is always sold under another name, but confesses that "one was instructed in the art of making artificial silver fox by inserting white badger hairs into the fur of a red fox dyed smoky brown."

The buyer of furs nowadays is never sure that he is not purchasing his own lamented tabby cat made over into something else.

The Last Fly

The last fly of summer, which ought to be dead, is fussing and fooling around on my head. Somehow he escaped from the doom that befel the hosts of his kindred, he's chipper and well; he drills and he bores at my scalp with a vim, and heeds not the language I'm throwing at him. Through all the long ages since Adam was born, the fly has been with us an object of scorn; serene and unchanging he's buzzed through the years, and left a long trail of bad language and tears. He tortured the Pharaohs with ticklesome toes and lit for a moment on Abraham's nose. The great men of legend the heroes of fame, all cursed the poor fly and his innocent game, they swatted and trapped him, and chased him away—the sire of the fly that is with me to-day. Men change in their customs, appearance and ways; a monarchy thrives for a while and decays; the things of this world are all given to change, to-days things familiar, to-morrows are strange. But flies never change as the ages roll on; they're just the same now as they were at the dawn; they tickle and torture with pestilent toes, they plow up your scalp and they fool with your nose. The last fly of summer no sympathy gains; I chase and o'erwhelm him and knock out his brains.

WALT MASON.

The Superior Sex

(London, Eng., Observer)

"Men have never believed in the superiority of a woman, that she is in any way a nobler or greater being, for they have never imitated her in anything."—Fall Mall Gazette

Of feminine charms we may chatter, And compliments pay to "the sex," But though, for that matter, our sisters we flatter.

Their methods we seldom annex. Of women in terms of approval men twaddle, But never accept her as pattern or model.

Their hats they adorn with no feather Like that of their own better halves. Nor painfully tether their ankles together, Nor tie a pink sash round their calves. No merciles tailor has ever confined them In garments that button absurdly behind them.

No man ever faces the riddle Of how to undress without aid. Nor pinches his middle to look like a fiddle.

Nor dines with his shoulders displayed, His purse he suspends to no chain like a locket, Nor has he much trouble in finding his pocket.

So long as Mere Woman (dear creature!) Grows paler than "the rice," And nothing can teach her to steady each feature

At the sight of poor innocent mice, The masculine sex is at one in agreeing That man is indeed the superior being.

The cutting off of the top-knots of the Koreans as a result of the annexation of Korea by Japan has brought an oversupply of hair into the market, and prices have slumped badly. What will happen when the four hundred million pig-tails of China begin to arrive?

A sprained ankle will usually disable the injured person for three or four weeks. This is due to lack of proper treatment. When Chamberlain's Liniment is applied a cure may be effected in three or four days. This Liniment is one of the best and most remarkable preparations in use. Sold by all dealers.

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Men's Coon Coats for \$50

We went cooning with the cash and landed a bunch of heavily furred dark Coon Coats, worth in the regular way \$65.00. All sizes. Your choice for.....\$50

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The demand is still great for Fur-lined garments. Our prices on these garments show the advantage of early buying—\$10 to \$15 under present market values.

Hamster-lined Coats in Black with Columbia Sable Trim.....at \$35
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A large stock of beautiful new Ribbons is on display. All colors and widths, including Christmas fancies. See our special values.....at 10c, 15c, 20c, 25c. yd.

Wool and Stockinette Underskirts

For those ladies who wish greater winter comfort than that offered by silk or sateen, we offer—

Knitted Wool Underskirts.....at \$1.50
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Heavy Tweed Pants, sizes 32 to 44,....at \$1.50 to \$3.00

Mackinaw Pants, extra heavy.....for \$3.50

" Coats, ".....for \$5.00

Boys' extra heavy Corduroy Knickers....at \$1.00 to \$1.35

Men's Coat Sweaters in Gray, Brown, Navy, Green....at \$1.00 to \$4.00

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Men's heavy Black Twill Shirts.....at 75c. to \$1.00

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Another large shipment stocks us again in all sizes,.....\$1.25 per garment

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Fresh Christmas Groceries are now in stock. Prices the lowest, qualities the best.

Fresh Valencia Raisins.....at 4 lbs. for 25c.

Fresh Seeded Raisins.....3 lbs. for 25c.

New Cleaned Currants.....3 lbs. for 25c.

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40 PERISH IN NEWARK FIRE

Girls and Women Were Burned or Killed by Falls

A despatch from Newark, New Jersey, says: A death-dealing fire, the most fatal that has ever visited the city, occurred in Newark on Saturday, when the old Domestic Sewing Machine Building, at High and Orange Streets, burned to the ground. Probably forty girls employed in the building met death and fifty were taken to the hospitals.

It was a little after 9 o'clock on Saturday morning, when Sadie Hanson, who works for the Anchor Lamp Co., on the third floor, was cleaning a carbon for a lamp. She had been using gasoline and somehow a switch near the machine she worked at sparked. There was a puff as the gasoline vapor leaped into flame and the girl's clothing began to blaze. Others working in the same room ran to her and attempted to put out the flames and subdue the fire that was eating its way along the floor by throwing bags of sand on it. In this way time was lost and the third floor was pretty well afire when one of the girls ran over to the fire house of Engine Company No. 4, across the

way, and told Captain Darcie van Volkenburg that there was a fire in the factory. The captain telephoned on the alarms, and with the men in his company hurried to the building, which was then a mass of flame.

News of the fire had spread and the streets about the doomed building were black with men and women. Many of them were fated to see their children burned to death before their eyes. Women fought with the police to get through the lines and tore at the patrolmen's uniforms in frenzied efforts to reach their loved ones. Again and again the police had to drive the crowd back to make room for the bodies that firemen were carrying out. Twenty minutes after the fire had started all escape was cut off for the girls employed on the third and fourth floors. They gathered at the windows and many of them jumped. There was but one fire-escape and in a couple of minutes after the alarm of fire it was enveloped by flames. One hundred and twenty-two girls were employed in the building by the five firms quartered there.

CATTLE SHIPMENTS.

A Decrease of Over 20,000 Head From Montreal.

A despatch from Montreal says: Considerable decrease was shown in Canada's export cattle trade for the season, which closed on Saturday with the sailing of the Montcalm for Liverpool with 792 head. The total exports for the season were 72,555 head, as compared with 94,314 last season, a decrease of 21,759 head. Shipments of American cattle via Montreal only amounted to 179 head, as against

7,227 last year, due to high prices at Chicago for export stock. The large decrease is partly accounted for by the fact that American exporters had to come to Canada to secure cattle to fill their contracts at United States ports, which sent large numbers of Canadian cattle abroad by American ports.

Harry Spaulding was killed with a shovel by a man named Bryska in a subway at Winnipeg. They quarrelled when Spaulding remonstrated with the foreigner for ill-treating his horses.

C. P. R. LAYING OFF MEN

Business Between Winnipeg and the Lake Is Falling Off

A despatch from Fort William says: For the first time in ten years Canadian Pacific Railway freight traffic between the head of the lakes and Winnipeg has been reduced before the close of navigation. Train crews and engine crews have been laid off during the week, and indications are that further reduction in the staff will be made next week. The reduction is due to many causes, according to local trainmen. There is extremely little wheat being shipped compared

with movement of 400 cars during November a year ago. The movement of live stock for export is also light. Another important item this year is the double track between Fort William and Winnipeg. The running time for handling trains has been almost cut in two. Last year only parts of the double track were used, and trains leaving here required as long as ten hours to make the trip to Ignace, 143 miles. The same mileage is now covered in six hours.

BERNIER AT GREENLAND

All Are Said to Be Well on Board the Good Ship Arctic

A despatch from Ottawa says: Captain Bernier and the ship Arctic, which left Quebec on July 8th last, have been heard from. The explorer writes to Alex. Johnson, Deputy Minister of Marine, under date of Albert Harbor, August 13th, that the Arctic had fair passage as far as Greenland, where then encountered a good deal of ice and fog; that they signed Cape York on July 27th, and anchored at Albert Harbor on August 3rd, where they built their first cache.

"In case anything might happen to us," the skipper says, "we are now proceeding to Salmon River to take a few salmon before we proceed to Beech Island, where we will build cache No. 2, close to Sir John Franklin's memorials. From there we will call at Dealy Island,

Melville Island, where I will see the condition of the cache which was left by Commander Kellett in 1854. From there I will leave a small depot at Winter Harbor in case our ship may be nipped by ice in McClure Strait."

The conditions were then favorable, there had been strong gales from the south and the south-west, indicating that the ice would be broken up. All on board were well. The Scotch whalers had a poor season, and Bernier added that if not successful in reaching Herschel Island he would winter in the best place he could get and return to Pond's Inlet for mail. One feature of the letter is the appeal of Captain Bernier for newspapers or magazines for himself and his crew.

THE WORLD'S MARKETS

REPORTS FROM THE LEADING TRADE CENTRES.

Prices of Cattle, Grain, Cheese and Other Dairy Produce at Home and Abroad.

BREADSTUFFS.

Toronto, Nov. 29.—Flour—Winter wheat 90 per cent. patents, \$3.35 to \$3.45 outside, in buyers' sacks. Manitoba flours—First patents, \$5.40; second patents, \$4.90, and strong bakers', \$4.70, on track, Toronto.

Manitoba Wheat—No. 1 Northern \$1.10, Bay ports; No. 2 Northern, 97¢, Bay ports, and No. 3 at 95¢, Bay ports.

Ontario Wheat—85 to 86¢ outside for No. 2 white and red Winter. Barley—Malt quality, 56 to 57¢ outside, and feed, 48 to 49¢ outside.

Oats—No. 2 white, 36 to 36½¢, on track, Toronto, and 33¢ outside. No. 2 W. C. oats, 38¢, Bay ports, and No. 3 at 36½¢, Bay ports.

Corn—Old No. 2 at 59 to 59½¢, Toronto freights, and new No. 2 American, 52¢, December delivery.

Peas—Good No. 2, free from bugs, 86 to 87¢ outside. Rye—No. 2 at 62¢ outside.

Buckwheat—No. 2 at 46 to 47¢, outside. Bran—Manitobas, \$19, in bags, Toronto, and shorts \$21, in bags, Toronto. Ontario bran, \$19.50, in sacks, Toronto, and shorts, \$22.50, in sacks.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Apples—Spys, \$4.50 to \$5.55; Baldwins, \$4 to \$4.75; No. 2 assorted, \$3.50 per barrel.

Beans—Car lots \$1.60 to \$1.70, and small lots, \$1.80 to \$1.90.

Honey—Extracted, in tins, 10 to 11¢ per lb.; No. 1 comb, wholesale, \$2 to \$2.25 per dozen; No. 2 comb, wholesale, \$1.75 to \$1.85 per dozen.

Baled hay—No. 1 at \$12 to \$13 on track, and No. 2 at \$10.50 to \$11.50.

Baled Straw—\$6.50 to \$7, on track, Toronto.

Potatoes—Car lots, 57 to 60¢ per bag.

Poultry—Wholesale prices of dressed poultry: Chickens, 12 to 13¢ per lb.; fowl, 9 to 11¢ per lb.; ducks, 13 to 14¢ per lb.; turkeys, 17 to 19¢ per lb., and geese, 12 to 13¢ per lb. Live, 1 to 2¢ less.

THE DAIRY MARKETS.

Butter—Dairy prints, 23 to 23½¢; do., tubs, 21 to 22¢; inferior, 18 to 19¢. Creamery, 26 to 27¢ per lb. for rolls, 24½ to 25¢ for solids, and 23 to 24¢ for separator prints.

Eggs—Case lots of picked bring 26¢; cold storage, 26 to 27¢; selected, 29 to 30¢, and strictly new-laid, 35¢ per dozen.

Cheese—Large, 12¢, and twins at 12½¢.

HOG PRODUCTS.

Bacon—Long clear, 13 to 13½¢ per lb. in case lots; mess pork, \$24 to \$24.50; short cut, \$26 to \$26.50.

Hams—Light to medium, 17¢; do., heavy, 15 to 16¢; rolls, 14 to 14½¢; shoulders, 12½¢; breakfast bacon, 18 to 18½¢; backs (pea meal), 19 to 19½¢.

Lard—Tierces, 14½¢; tubs, 14½¢; pails, 14½¢.

BUSINESS AT MONTREAL.

Montreal, Nov. 29.—Oats—No. 2 Canadian Western, 40¢; extra No. 1 feed, 39¢; No. 3 Canadian Western, 38½ to 39¢; No. 2 local white, 38½¢; do., No. 3, 37½¢; do., No. 4, 37 to 37½¢. Barley—Manitoba, No. 4, 48 to 48½¢; Manitoba feed barley, 47 to 47½¢. Flour—Manitoba Spring wheat patents, firsts, \$5.60; do., seconds, \$5.10; Winter wheat patents, \$4.85 to \$5.10; Manitoba strong bakers', \$4.90; straight rollers, \$4.40 to \$4.60; do., in bags, \$2.05 to \$2.15; extras, \$1.70 to \$1.80. Feed—Ontario bran, \$18.50 to \$19; Ontario middling, \$22 to \$22.50; Manitoba shorts, \$21; Manitoba bran, \$18; pure grain mouille, \$31 to \$32; mixed mouille, \$25 to \$26. Cheese—11½ to 11½-8¢; east-ern at 11 to 11½¢. Butter—25 to 25½¢ for choicest and 24½ to 25¢ for fresh receipts. Eggs—Selected stock, 25 to 30¢; No. 1 stock at 25 to 26¢; No. 2 at 19 to 20¢.

UNITED STATES MARKETS.

Buffalo, Nov. 29.—Spring Wheat—Dull; No. 1 Northern, carloads, \$1.12-5-8; Winter, strong. Corn—Firm. Oats—Firm. Minneapolis, Nov. 29.—Wheat—No. 1 hard, cash, \$1.057-8; No. 1 Northern, cash, \$1.041-8; Dec., \$1.03½; May, \$1.065-8. Flour—First patents, \$4.95 to \$5.35; second patents, \$4.75 to \$5.25; first clears, \$3.25 to \$3.60; second clears, \$2.20 to \$2.75.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

Montreal, Nov. 29.—Steers—Choice sold at 5.50; medium, \$4.75 to \$5; Cows—Common, \$2.75 to \$3; good, \$4 to \$4.50. Bulls—Common, \$3.50; good, \$4.50. Sheep \$3.75 to \$4, and lambs, \$6. Hogs

\$7.10 to \$7.25, and sows \$6.10 to \$6.25. Calves from \$3 to \$12.

Toronto, Nov. 29.—Butchers, \$4.90 to \$5.05; cows, \$2.50 to \$3; bulls, \$3.50 to \$4.80. Short-keep feeders, \$5.25 to \$5.40; good feeders, \$4.75 to \$5; stockers, \$4 to \$4.60. Milkers and springers ranged from \$40 to \$86 each, and as high as \$100 was paid for 3 cows. Prices are steady for calves at \$3 to \$8 per cwt., with a few new milk fed veals at \$8.50. Sheep, ewes, \$4.50 to \$4.85; rams, \$3 to \$3.50; lambs, \$5.70 to \$6 per cwt. Hogs—Selected, fed and watered, were quoted at \$7.10 and \$7.75 to \$7.95, f.o.b., cars, at country points.

YOUNG GIRL'S HEROISM.

Saved J. A. Hyer, Mail Carrier, From Drowning.

A despatch from Rainy River says: A dramatic story of the heroism of the thirteen-year-old daughter of a settler near Clementson on the American side of Rainy River has just reached here. J. A. Hyer, mail carrier between Beaudette, Minn., and Clementson, was carrying half a ton of mail on a dog sled down the river when the whole outfit went through the ice. Hyer found the ice breaking every time he got hold of the edge, but his cries attracted Lizzie Alloway, who rushed down to the river, and, lying full length on the thin ice, got hold of Hyer's coat collar. She clung to him for twenty minutes, even after the water came over the ice and almost covered her. Hyer pleaded to let go and leave him, as he was convinced both would drown, but their cries brought three men, who happened to be near, and they dragged the girl over the ice, still clinging to Hyer, who was all but unconscious. All the mail, including a sack of registered letters, went to the bottom of the river and has not been recovered.

DISCOVERY OF A NEW ORE.

Mineral Known as Titanite Found in Pre-Cambrian Rocks of Quebec

A despatch from Ottawa says: A mineral known as titanite has been discovered about forty miles north of here in Allevy township, Pontiac county, by H. M. Nelson of this city. This ore is a source of the rare metal titanium, and is a heavy, brown mineral containing forty per cent. of the oxide used in the manufacture of ferro-titanium alloys and in other industries. There are markets for this material in the United States and Europe. The allied metal molybdenum has been found nearby.

NOTED PACKER DEAD.

Michael Cudahy Succumbs to Pneumonia in Chicago.

A despatch from Chicago says: Michael Cudahy, founder of the packing firm bearing his name, died on Sunday night of pneumonia. Mr. Cudahy had been ill for five days. He was born in Ireland on Dec. 7, 1841.

CHOLERA AT ROME.

Another Case Discovered—200 Persons in Quarantine.

A despatch from Rome says: Another case of cholera was discovered in Rome on Friday. The sick person is a mason who had just arrived from the country. Two hundred persons are being held in quarantine. Throughout the rest of Italy only six new cases and no deaths were reported during the past 24 hours.

1,000 DROWNED.

Great Loss of Life by Floods in Indo-China.

A despatch from Saigon says: One thousand persons were drowned and four hundred barques were lost during floods in the Province of Quang Ngai, in Annam. The floods also devastated the Province of Quang Nam, to the north of Quang Ngai. One hundred persons were drowned and more than one thousand houses destroyed. Many fishing boats on the coast have been lost.

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TRIED TO BREAK QUARANTINE

Smallpox Epidemic in Michigan Has Reached Alarming Proportions

A despatch from Detroit says: For the past three weeks a rigid smallpox quarantine has been maintained around the grounds of the Michigan Home for Feeble-minded at Lapeer, 30 miles outside this city. On Thursday night, shortly before midnight half of the attendants and some of the patients in the institution attempted to run the gauntlet of the sentries who patrolled the beats outside the grounds.

They were met by a volley from the rifles of the soldiers, all of whom are members of the Michigan National Guard. Nobody was hit, and a few minutes later another sortie was attempted, this time by three small parties, who tried to force

their way through the "dead line" at different places, hoping to thus confuse the soldiers. Another fusillade followed, and this time an inmate of the home was hit by a bullet in the leg. The shooting alarmed the main guard, who turned out in force and searched the grounds, finally driving the recalcitrants back into the building at the points of their bayonets. The excitement lasted for fully two hours. Capt. Frasier, who is in charge of the soldiers, declares that if another attempt is made to break quarantine his men will shoot to kill.

Conditions at the home remain about the same. There have been fifteen deaths to date and sixteen cases now in the hospital.

J. A. DREXEL BREAKS RECORD

Reaches an Altitude of 9,970 Feet at Philadelphia.

A despatch from Philadelphia, Pa., says: J. Armstrong Drexel broke all aeroplanist altitude records here on Wednesday when he climbed above this city until his Blériot monoplane was unable to make farther progress in the rarefied atmosphere. The ink in the needle of his barograph ran out at 9,970 feet, which was accepted as a new world's record by Clifford B. Harmon, Chairman of the National Aviation Society.

FARM COLONY AT BROOK'S.

Duke of Sutherland's Purchase of Ready-made Farms from C.P.R.

A despatch from Montreal says: It was announced at the C. P. R. offices that a cablegram had been received from the Duke of Sutherland, requesting the Colonization Department to proceed at once with the preparation of a ready-made farm colony at Brook's in the eastern section of the irrigation block in Alberta. His Grace has purchased at this place an area of some 1,300 acres, which will be divided into sixteen farms of about 80 acres each.

\$50,000 SUBSCRIBED.

Citizens Will Endow Chairs in Proposed Calgary University.

A despatch from Calgary says: Fifty thousand dollars has been subscribed within the last few days for the proposed Calgary University. It is expected that \$150,000 will be secured within the next week, and that several citizens will endow chairs in the university. Calgary is rapidly becoming a city of sky scrapers, the latest building in project being a new store for the Hudson Bay Co., which will probably occupy an entire block. A new six-storey business block is also to be erected on Eighth-avenue.

HATPINS ARE PROCLAIMED.

German Women Not Permitted to Endanger Travelling Public.

A despatch from Berlin says: The Police President of Berlin issued a proclamation on Thursday calling upon the women to either cease using long hatpins or turn the points so that they will not be a constant menace to the travelling public. He adds that he is prepared to adopt compulsory measures if the women do not comply with the request.

NEW STEAMSHIP SERVICE

The Elder-Dempster Company Will Run Monthly to Australia

A despatch from Montreal says: The enterprise of the C. P. R. in running a regular monthly service of cargo steamers between Montreal and Australian ports has been more than justified by the results and the service will be continued next year. There will, however, be competition for the traffic, for the Elder-Dempster Company will take cargoes for Australian ports direct from Montreal. The company has entered into an agreement with the German Australian Steamship Company whereby boats will be added to the present Canada-South African line, so that it may be extended to Australia, the sailings

from Montreal being monthly. The negotiations which have been going on between certain shipping interests and the C. P. R. relative to starting steamship lines to run between Canada and South American countries are practically completed. Mr. Bosworth announces that the line to South American ports will probably be started from Montreal next spring with a monthly service to begin with, while for the line to the West Indies new boats will have to be built. The proposal in regard to the West Indian line is to have a weekly service, with Montreal as the summer port and St. John, N. Z., as the winter one.

NERVE AGONIES

All Nervous Diseases Cured by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills

Nerves that are over-worked or weak quickly indicate their distress by pain. That pain may be neuralgia or inflamed nerves, usually affecting the head, but often the spine and limbs. It may be nervous dyspepsia, easily started by worry, excitement or weakness. It may be St. Vitus dance, a common affliction among children, or neurasthenia, a condition of general nervous exhaustion, accompanied by acute melancholy. Worst of all the pain may signal the early stages of paralysis or nervous decay. All these disorders signify that the hungry nerves are clamoring for nourishment in the form of good, rich blood. The numerous cures of the above named nervous diseases and weakness in both sexes by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are accounted for by the fact that these Pills actually make new, rich blood and so supply the starved nerves and the vital elements needed to strengthen them. Mr. Wm. G. Jones, Westmead, Man., says: "A few years ago it was my misfortune to suffer from nervous debility brought about through a severe attack of la grippe or influenza. When the first effects were felt I used to wake up in the middle of sleep trembling like a leaf, and in a bath of cold perspiration. Later the trouble grew so bad that I scarcely got a wink of sleep, and would toss about in bed, growing so weak that I feared for my life. A doctor was called in, and then another, but without avail. I became more and more low spirited, and without any apparent reason would have fits of crying. While in this condition, a nervous wreck, a pamphlet was given me telling what Dr. Williams' Pink Pills had done for others, and I determined to give them a trial. By the time I had finished a few boxes I began to get some sleep, and this greatly encouraged me. Then my strength began to return, my nerves grew steeper and in a few weeks more I was feeling as well as ever I did in my life, and you may be sure I will always gratefully recommend Dr. Williams' Pink Pills to every one sick or ailing, as they restored me to health and strength after all other medicines had failed."

You can get these Pills from any medicine dealers or by mail at 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50 from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

A DRAWBACK.

"Why is it that pretty Miss Mabel has no beau?"
"Because it is generally understood that her father is a kicker."

Relief Suffering Everywhere.—He whose life is made miserable by the suffering that comes from indigestion and has not tried Par-melee's Vegetable Pills does not know how easily this formidable foe can be dealt with. These pills will relieve where others fail. They are the result of long and patient study and are confidently put forward as a sure corrector of disorders of the digestive organs, from which so many suffer.

QUITE SO.

"Rivers, is yours a safety razor?"
"It is now, I haven't used it for two years."

That Turnment Sold that made you watched last winter will not come back if you take Allen's Lung Balm when your throat is raw and sore. This admirable remedy is free from opium. Take it in time.

NOT COURTSHIP.

The woman shook her curly head and answered "no."
Persistently the fellow plead;
He wouldn't go.
She told him there was little hope;
His tongue still ran,
How could a fragile woman cope
With such a man?
His case he never ceased to press
With voice that shook.
And so at last she murmured
"yes,"
And bought his book.

QUEEN MARY DISCREET.

Queen Mary is punctilious and careful in all money matters. She is a shrewd judge of men, but careful in the expression of her opinion. She has yet to make an indiscreet comment on any affair of importance. It is thought by many that she carries this reticence too far. The Queen is generous to a point of considerable inconvenience.

THE REASON.

Hubby (with irritation)—"Why is it that you women insist on having the last word?"
Wife (calmly)—"We don't. The only reason we get it is because we always have a dozen arguments left when you stupid men are all run out."

Shiloh's Cure
quickly stops coughs, cures colds, heals the throat and lungs. 25 cents.

Fashion Hints

SEEN IN PARIS SHOPS.

Corsage bouquets of shaded pink ribbons are extremely pretty. The craze for the Indian bead work shows no signs of diminishing. Fur and velvet combine in rich models for the new evening coats. Zibelines are having quite a modish revival in the dress goods realm.

Black revers always lend a distinctive touch to a gown of any color.

Evening cloaks of velvet and silk brocade are gorgeous and beautiful.

Fancy jabots of lace, in one-sided and cascade effects, continuing in favor.

Some of the scarfs are caught together with small rosebuds made of ribbon.

Tulle and lace are now combined on the many of the attractive collars and plisses.

Revers must be supple and large. If velvet is used it must be of the softest.

Metal, enameled silver, and jeweled buttons figure largely on fur and fur cloth coats.

Square flat shapes, round ones, irregular lines and muffs resembling huge bags are seen.

Hatpins mounted with roses fashioned with black silk are used on mourning hats.

Ribbon flowers of white silk flatly applied to the hat of black beaver are most effective.

This is to be a fur season, and wraps and coats of sable and seal are in first fashion.

Metallic nets and laces play an important part in the construction of most of the theater caps.

Novelties appearing on the new outing hats are wings of suede. They are remarkably odd and pretty.

Large velvet bags with the personal touch of an embroidered monogram in one corner are much favored.

Among the scarfs the newest material is fine silk tricot, like glove silk. These come in all the fashionable shades.

For dancing frocks for young girls the bordered chiffons or plain or flowered nets made over china silk offer splendid possibilities at a low cost.

Veils with diamond designs are extremely popular in single, double, or multiple mesh, combined with circles, dots or hexagons.

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Fancy bows of all descriptions have come back again, and those with touches of Roman or Persian silk are especially popular.

DRINKING THEM DOWN.

Diggs—I see that they're making brandy from sawdust.

Wiggs—Good gracious, as if the forests were not disappearing fast enough as it is!

A Power of Its Own.—Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil has a subtle power of its own that other oils cannot pretend to, though there are many pretenders. All who have used it know this and keep it by them as the most valuable liniment available. Its uses are innumerable and for many years it has been prized as the leading liniment for man and beast.

Beads are used more than any other material to trim the evening gowns. They are lovely in their various forms and colors.

Revenge may be sweet at first but it is sure to acquire a flavor that is anything but agreeable.

The efficacy of Bickle's Anti-Consumptive Syrup in curing coughs and colds and arresting inflammation of the lungs, can be established by hundreds of testimonials from all sorts and conditions of men. It is a standard remedy in these ailments and all affections of the throat and lungs. It is highly recommended by medicine vendors, because they know and appreciate its value as a curative. Try it.

BAOBAB CISTERNS.

In Central Africa the gigantic baobab-tree, whose trunk sometimes attains a diameter of 40 feet, often serves as a natural cistern, retaining rain-water in large quantities in a cavity formed at the top of the broad trunk. Taking the hint thus afforded by nature, the Arabs artificially hollow out the trunks of large baobabs, and fill them with water during the prevalence of rains, as a provision against the dry season. These cisterns are in many cases 20 feet in height, and eight or 10 feet in diameter. The water is used both for drinking and for irrigating melon patches.

"Have you many friends?" "How can I tell? My money isn't all gone yet."

OLD PROSPECTOR TELLS HIS STORY

HIS REAL TROUBLES STARTED WHEN RHEUMATISM GOT HIM.

Plasters, ointments and sulphur were alike useless, but Dodd's Kidney Pills made a new man of him.

Princeton, B.C., Nov. 23 (Special).—All over Canada people are telling of the great work Dodd's Kidney Pills are doing, and even in the rocky mountain fastnesses where nature hides her mines men are telling of cures made and suffering relieved by the great Canadian Kidney remedy. Wm. Murray, sixty-six years old, who has trapped the frontier as lumber jack, rancher, prospector, miner, hunter and trapper, and who has friends all over the west, is one of these. Many a tale of hardship and danger he can tell, but his first real trouble came when Rheumatism claimed him.

"I slipped on the mountain side and strained my kidneys and then my troubles all seemed to set in at once. I had nearly all the symptoms of Lumbago, Sciatica, Neuralgia, Diabetes, Dropsy and Bright's Disease," Mr. Murray states.

"Then I broke out in a terrible rash that spread all over my body and kept me in tortures. I tried all sorts of liniments and ointments and took sulphur enough to start a little hades of my own. But it was all no use. Then I tried Dodd's Kidney Pills, and all I can say is they made a new man of me."

THE WAY TO FIND HIM.

"My wife and I are going to spend a few months with her people at Strong's Corners," said the meek little man, "and I want you to mail your paper to me."

"Yes," said the clerk, "what's your name?"

"Well—er—to make sure, I guess you'd better address it: 'Mary Strong's Husband, Strong's Corners.'"

NATURALLY.

The Tall Man—"He's a promoter."

The Short Man—"What does he promote?"

The Tall Man—"Other people's money to his own use."

A REVISION.

"Is the love of money really the root of all evil?"

"Yes—the love of other people's money is."

Riley—How about that gold mine you bought stock in last year? Smiley—Why, we've called it "The bulldog." It's the bravest little mine you ever heard of. Riley (puzzled)—Bravest? Smiley—Sure! There isn't a yellow streak anywhere in it!

Imitations Abound, but insist upon getting the genuine, "The D & L" Menthol Plaster. It has stood the test of years. It cures aches and pains quicker than any plaster.

USUALLY.

"Pop, what does it mean by being 'financially embarrassed'?"

"Being married, my son."

Minard's Liniment for sale everywhere.

Jack—I went gunning in the country one day last week. Tom—Bag anything? Jack—Nothing but my trousers.

Hard and soft corns both yield to Holloway's Corn Cure, which is entirely safe to use, and certain and satisfactory in its action.

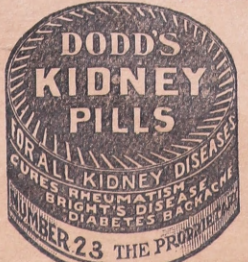
Slowboy—Do you—er—think your father would kick me out if I was to—er ask him for your hand?" Miss Willing—No, but I'm afraid he will if you don't ask him pretty soon.

Minard's Liniment Cures Dandruff.

EXPLAINED.

Employer—"William, Mrs. Spriggans complains that she received only one of all the bundles she had put up here last night."

William—"That's funny, sir. I wrote 'Mrs. Spriggans' on one bundle, and put 'ditto' on each of the others."



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INVALID BULLDOG.

Animal takes a Daily Outing Attended by Maid.

The pathetic sight of a youthful bulldog being wheeled helplessly in a perambulator, fed like an invalid, and treated like a baby, is the latest tragedy of animal life.

Cut off by an unheroic accident from the enthusiastic and martial activity dear to his kind, Baby, a \$500 British bulldog belonging to Mrs. Freeman, of Esher, England, now finds his utmost excitement a daily ride in a perambulator.

Baby is only 7 months old, yet, owing to his accident, which has paralyzed his back, he is already a dog that has had his day.

Fondly cherished by his owner and his nurse, he regards life from his "pram" like a shrewd warrior taking his rest. He cannot even wag his short, kinky, bulldog tail when he wants to say "Thank you," but his pathetic eyes express a million tail-wags.

Every morning he is bathed, dressed, and fed, and twice a day he is wheeled out in his perambulator by his nurse, having first been tucked up in warm blankets. His head rests on a fluffy cushion, and a fluffy rug goes over the woolen wraps.

He is fed on fish, bread and milk, and other invalid delicacies. When he is naughty, as even invalid warriors will be, he is shown a stick, and the sight of it is enough.

His nurse, Miss Ethel Davis, whose attentions are quite voluntary, loves the broken warrior, and spares no trouble to make the autumn of a summerless life as "comfy" as may be.

There are times when Baby seems to be crying tearlessly, when all his facial wrinkles are drawn up tremulous. He conquers weakness, and generally assumes on his daily "pram" rides, a somewhat cynical expression.

WEAK, SICKLY BABIES

MAKE HOME WRETCHED

No home is happy where there is a sick baby. The sufferings of the little one makes the whole household wretched, for what mother or father would not rather suffer themselves than to see their little one suffer. But there is no reason for wretched homes because baby is ill. Baby's Own Tablets will cure all the minor ills of babyhood and childhood; not only that, but an occasional dose of the Tablets will keep baby well. Thousands of mothers have found happiness through the Tablets making their little ones well and happy. Among them is Mrs. C. C. Roe, of Georgetown, Ont., who writes: "I can heartily recommend Baby's Own Tablets as a help to the baby during the hot summer season. We have used them and are much pleased with their results." The Tablets are sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

THE RECOURSE.

"My father will not allow me to marry you," said the tearful maiden to her fond lover. "He says you are too much in the air about your business."

"Then, darling," said the young aviator, "come fly with me."

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Minard's Liniment Cures Burns, Etc.

FACT AND FANCY.

A woman with a past rarely has a future.

Elephants sleep only four hours. Nothing succeeds like looking successful.

The right ear is better than the left.

The only quick and certain cure for love is matrimony.

A pelican's pouch holds seven quarts of water.

If to know all is to forgive, to know less is, very often, to adore.

A crop of tea is produced at a cost of ten cents a pound.

Absence makes the heart grow fonder—of someone's else's presence.

The world's healthiest occupation is the making of coal-tar dyes.

Motor-cars are not to be compared to gossips when it comes to running people down.

"What on earth do you think about while you're fishing?" "Wal, when the fishing's good I don't get time to think, and when it's bad I don't think I don't help it any."

THE Famous Rayo Lamp
The Rayo Lamp is a high grade lamp, sold at a low price. There are lamps that cost more, but there is no better lamp made at any price. Constructed of solid brass; nickel plated—easily kept clean; an ornament to any room in any house. There is nothing known to the art of lamp-making that can add to the value of the RAYO Lamp as a light-giving device. Every dollar everywhere. If not at yours, write for descriptive circular to the nearest agency of
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Cleaning and Curling and Kid Goods cleaned. These can be sent by post, 10 per cent. The best place to
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EASY.
Egyptologist—"Here is a papyrus on which the characters are so badly traced that they are indecipherable. How shall you class it?"
Keeper of museum—"Oh, I shall just call it a doctor's prescription in the time of Pharaoh."

A Purely Vegetable Pill.—The chief ingredients of Par-melee's Vegetable Pills are mandrake and dandelion, sedative and purgative, but perfectly harmless in their action. They cleanse and purify and have a most healthful effect upon the secretions of the digestive organs. The dyspeptic and all who suffer from liver and kidney ailments will find in these pills the most effective medicine in concentrated form that has yet been offered to the suffering.

BRIGHT AND BRIEF.
First Urchin—"What's yer father, Bill?"
Second Urchin—"Why, a man o' course!"
First Urchin—"Naw; I mean what does 'e work at?"
Second Urchin—"Oh, 'e's under Government."
First Urchin—"What doing?"
Second Urchin—"Time!"

Loss of Flesh, cough and pain in the chest may mean consumption, but are bad signs. Allen's Lung Balm loosens the cough and heals inflamed air passages. Not a grain of opium in it.

KNEW HIM.
"Now, boys," she asked, "can any of you tell me something about Good Friday?"
Up jumped the smartest and most hopeful of the juveniles.

"Yes, miss, I can. He was the fellow who did the work for Robinson Crusoe!"

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We supply the training, the literature and an easy selling policy that satisfies the man insured.

Drop us a card to-day for particulars.

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KENDALL'S SPAVIN CURE

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For Spavin, Ringbone, Curb, Splint, Swellings and all Lameness,

Kendall's Spavin Cure cures the trouble—makes the horse sound and well—and saves money for the owner because it removes the cause of the trouble.

Keep a bottle always at hand—\$1.00 for \$5.00. Good for man and beast. Ask your dealer for free copy of our book "A Treatise On The Horse" or write us.

DR. R. J. KENDALL CO., Rochester Falls, N.Y.

The Winter Fair at Guelph

The Ontario Provincial Winter Fair at Guelph will be opened to the public on Monday morning, December 5th, when all the exhibits will be in place by 10 a.m. The sessions to be devoted to judging are as follows: Horses: Monday, 2 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.; Tuesday, 8 p.m., Wednesday, 2 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Friday, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Beef Cattle: Monday, 3:30 p.m.; Tuesday, 10 a.m.; Wednesday, 8 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.; Thursday, 8:30 a.m. The judging will be more interesting than ever this year on account of the large number of entries. In the Horse Department will exceed exhibits of heavy horses and those of last year. Of Clydesdales and Shires alone there will be 154 horses. In Beef Cattle the exhibits will be almost twice as many as last year. The sheep and swine also have large classes, and in the poultry department there will be 5000 birds on exhibition.

Sessions for practical addresses will begin on Tuesday, December 6th at 2:30 p.m. There will be addresses on almost every subject connected with Live Stock, Poultry and other farm subjects, during Tuesday and Wednesday and Thursday. The lectures will close on Thursday afternoon with addresses on "Paying for milk by cheese factories according to the percentage of butter fat and casein in the milk," by Prof. H. H. Dean Guelph, and "Frank Hens, Chief Dairy Instructor, London; 'The care of milk on the farm,' by Geo. H. Barr, Guelph; 'Dairy Branch, Ottawa'; 'Undertraining' by Prof. W. H. Day, Guelph. The last two of which will be illustrated by stereopticon views.

The different railways are selling round trip tickets to Guelph for single fare each day from December 3rd to the 9th inclusive. Tickets are good to return up to and including December 12th.

Among the suggestions for the celebration of the hundred years peace between Great Britain and the United States is one that the United States and Canada renounce the custom houses from their mutual borders. Coming from Lord Courtney of Penzance, an eminent statesman and publicist, who has held many important offices, and has risen by his own talents, to the peerage, it is not to be passed over as a childish message from Utopia. It would mean a complete custom union between the two countries. It would mean that each would have the same tariff against the Mother Country. It would mean that the United States, far more than Canada should determine what that tariff should be. All this Lord Courtney is willing for in order to secure absolute mutual accord between the two great English-speaking nations. He looks forward, like many another of far view, to the time when these two great nations will be one in their aspect towards the world, and will be so strong that they will be able to enforce harmony elsewhere. Canada's place in view of such fine possibilities, is not to be a source of irritation between them, but bound as she is by material ties to one and sentimental ties to the other, she should find it to be her supreme interest to act as a bond of union. We do not propose to follow Lord Courtney into proposing a Zollverein. When it comes to ideal propositions we know a trick or two of that. But we do think that every consideration of principle and interest points to the greatest friendship and intimacy between the two peoples, and the lowering of tariff's so far as that can be done without impinging on the British preference.—Montreal Witness.

Count Tolstoi's last work, "Three Days in a Village," presents a terribly realistic picture of everyday conditions in rural Russia to-day. Though written but a little while before his death, these sketches bear the stamp of his genius, and are evidence that the great mind of the greatest of Russian writers maintained its poise to the very last, just as his great heart was to the last true to his gospel of love and self-sacrifice. But a few days before the Count died in the lonely little hut on the Russian plains, the Russian Government seized every available copy of "Three Days in a Village," which had been published in pamphlet form. So it would seem that "Three Days in a Village" presents truths unpleasant to the powers that be in the empire.

The German Emperor is the latest apostle of temperance or rather total abstinence. For years he has preached moderation in alcoholic liquors to a beer-drinking people, but to day goes further and counsels total abstinence.

J. J. Hill the great Railway magnate says hard times are near at hand. The warning ought not to be disregarded, as Mr. Hill is in a position to forecast events in the business world.

The dairymen of Hastings and Prince Edward held their annual meeting in Belleville on Saturday afternoon last, at which a large number of the most enterprising farmers were present. Several experts spoke, and information of much value was given.

In Britain they are talking of prohibiting press reports of divorce court proceedings by law. In Canada the evidence given in divorce cases before the Senate is kept out of the newspapers as a matter of taste. The idea that British newspapers are always "staid and respectable" is somewhat dissipated by statistics which show that from January, 1910, to March 1910, divorce proceedings occupied 1,232 columns of space in thirteen newspapers. The Daily Telegraph had 165 columns, and even the Times had 105.

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and see his fine stock.

Ladies' Fur-Lined Coats

and Muffs a specialty.

All sorts of Furs to see at low prices.

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VICTIMS OF CONSUMPTION.

MOTHER AND TWO CHILDREN AT MUSKOKA FREE HOSPITAL.

Are Now Under Treatment—Husband, Too, Had Been a Patient—A Tragedy in Real Life—Heavy Debt on Institution.

A story from the Muskoka Free Hospital for Consumptives tells of a mother who, with her two children, is now under treatment in that institution. The husband had been a patient, but the case was an advanced one when the patient entered, and he has since passed away. There is little doubt but that the wife was infected as a result of caring for her husband, and now she is in the Muskoka Hospital. Her little girl, about five years of age, and a boy of ten are with her, both being afflicted with this dread disease.

The words of the mother are pathetic. She writes: "I want to go to a doctor and get him to examine my lungs to see whether there was anything wrong with them, and he said that the right lung was affected. A little rest, he hoped, would build me up. I have a little girl, about five years old, and the doctor says that if I could take her up with me it would do her ever so much good, as she is not very strong. I have three more children, and one of these, a boy of ten, seems also to be afflicted, and it is advisable that he should enter the hospital."

These three are of the 104 patients who are residents in this deserving institution and being cared for without money and without price. The sorry part of it is that the trustees are carrying a debt of something like \$40,000, incurred largely through the additions that have been made within the past year, and that have more than doubled the accommodation of the institution, together with the heavy cost of maintaining so large a number of free patients.

Readers who desire to help this great charity may send their contributions to Mr. W. J. Gage, Chairman Executive Committee, 84 Spadina avenue, or to the Secretary-Treasurer, 317 King street west, Toronto.

The Muskoka Free Hospital has ever lived up to its claims of never having received a single patient because of his or her poverty.

Missed Them Well.

There are always two ways of telling the truth. The man who told the king that he would outlive all his subjects understood human nature far more than the man who was put to death for declaring to the same monarch that all his subjects would live before him. The gamekeeper in Francis Pipon's "Odds and Ends" also had the gift of presenting the pleasantest side of a fact.

A certain noble lord was a very bad shot. One day, after a particularly discouraging exhibition of his bungling, he said to the keeper: "Now, my man, tell me the truth. Did you ever see any one who shot as badly as I do?" "Oh, yes, my lord," returned the keeper. "I've seen worse shots than your lordship. Your lordship misses the birds so clean."

Too Late.

After the guests had waited for half an hour in a Berkshire church for the bride to arrive messengers were dispatched to the livery stable to try to discover what had happened. The liveryman, made to understand that he had omitted to send a carriage to her house, acknowledged that all the time he had rested on him and apologized in manly fashion, but when they suggested that he should proceed to remedy the delay he failed to see their point.

"What'll be the use o' fetchin' 'er now?" he argued. The service 'll be 'ar over."—London Globe.

Accidental Discharge of a Pun.

A capital pun may arise by pure accident, as recorded in Bucke's "Book of Table Talk." "A Mr. Alexander Gun was dismissed from a post in the customs of Edinburgh for circulating some false rumor. The dismissal is said to have been this morning in the customs book at the time, 'A Gun discharged for making a false report.'"

Wyoming was the first to establish woman suffrage in the United States, and although that was in 1893 it was not until 1903 that Colorado followed the lead. Utah and Idaho are the only other states that yet include women in full franchise rights.

Cutters!

Just received a large assortment of McLaughlin High Grade Cutters. Melotte, De Laval and Bluebell Cream Separators. All kinds of Farm Machinery, Pianos, Organs, and Sewing Machines. For sale, a colt coming three years old and a general purpose Horse.

W. J. GRAHAM.

Hoards' Cheese Factory

The annual meeting of Hoards' Cheese Manufacturing Company will be held at the factory on Saturday, Dec. 10th, 1910, at one o'clock, p.m., for the settling up of the business of the factory for the season of 1910.

Tenders will be received up to Dec. 10th for a cheese-maker for the year 1911.

FRED JEFFS, President.

Harold Cheese Factory

The annual meeting of Harold Cheese Manufacturing Company will be held at the factory on Wednesday, Dec. 14th, 1910, at one o'clock, p.m., for the election of officers, letting milk routes, and any other business in connection with the factory.

JOHN TANNER, President.

Notice

Maple Leaf Cheese Mfg. Co.

The annual meeting of the Maple Leaf Cheese Manufacturing Company will be held at the factory on Friday, Dec. 16th, 1910, at one o'clock, p.m., for the purpose of settling up the business of the year, hiring cheese-maker, letting milk routes, and any other business in connection with the factory.

GEORGE BURKITT, President.

Bellview, Nov. 29, 1910.

Strayed

From Anderson's Island, two Colts, coming two years old, one a bay, with one white hind foot and star in forehead, the other a small sized brown, nearly black, with a little white on hind feet.

Also, a heifer coming three years old, black with a white strip across forehead, and a hole in right ear.

Any person giving information that will lead to their recovery will be suitably rewarded.

JAMES H. HUBBLE, LESTER ANDERSON

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Central Cheese Mfg Co.

The annual meeting of Central Cheese Manufacturing Company will be held at the factory on Thursday, Dec. 15th, at one o'clock, p.m., for the purpose of electing officers, paying dividends, and any other business that may come before the meeting.

GEO. A. JOHNSON, President.

Shamrock Cheese Factory

The annual meeting of the Shamrock Cheese Manufacturing Company will be held at the factory on Friday, Dec. 16th, at one o'clock, p.m., for the purpose of paying dividends, electing officers for the ensuing year, and any other general business of the Company.

J. W. SAGER, President.

For Sale

On Anderson's Island, 75 acres, about 30 acres wood and rail timber, the balance pasture land. Apply to

JAS. C. LINN, Stirling.

ENTERPRISE CHEESE CO.

The annual meeting of the Enterprise Cheese Manufacturing Company will be held at the factory on Friday, Dec. 2nd, at one o'clock, p.m., for the transaction of the general business of the Company.

W. T. SINE, President.

Sine, Nov. 24, 1910.

Notice

The annual meeting of the Stirling Cheese Manufacturing Company will be held at the factory on Monday, Dec. 5th, 1910, beginning at 1 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of settling up the business of 1910, election of officers for 1911, selling of milk routes, hiring cheese maker and any other business that may be brought up.

C. W. THOMPSON, President.

NOTICE is hereby given that a By-Law numbered 293 was passed by the Council of the Municipality of the Village of Stirling, on the 26th day of November, A. D. 1910, providing for the issue of debentures to the amount of \$12,000, for the purpose of making permanent improvements to the High School in the Village of Stirling, and that the said By-Law was registered in the Registry Office of the County of Hastings, at the City of Belleville, on the 29th day of November, A. D. 1910.

Any motion to quash or set aside the same, or any part thereof, must be made within three months after the first publication of this Notice, and cannot be made thereafter.

Dated the first day of December, 1910. JAMES CURRIE, Clerk of the Village of Stirling.

Swamp Elm Wanted

I will buy good, straight, standing swamp elm from any persons who have any for sale, delivered at the mill or in the woods.

JOHN MORGAN, Spring Brook.

NOTICE

Having been compelled to give up business on account of ill health, the undersigned wishes to thank the public for their patronage in the past, and would kindly ask all those indebted to call at his residence and pay the amount as soon as possible.

S. A. HATTON.

Nov. 10th, 1910.

Spring Brook Cheese Mfg. Co.

The annual meeting of the Spring Brook Cheese Manufacturing Company will be held on Saturday, Dec. 3rd, at 1 o'clock at the factory, for the purpose of settling up the business of the year, hiring cheese maker, letting milk routes, and any other business in connection with the factory.

T. J. THOMPSON, President.

Farm For Sale

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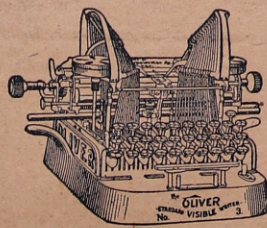
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PERSONALS.

Mr. Harry and Miss Blanche Parr of
Hoard's Station were guests of Miss Vic-
let Utman on Sunday.

Mrs. H. S. Ferguson and Mrs. H. J. Fer-
guson and Miss Florence spent the week
end at Belleville, the guests of Mrs. H. A.
Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. John McDougall of Fox-
boro have returned home after spending a
couple of days at the home of Mr. Philip
Burgess, Wellman's Corners.

Miss Bertha Conley of Detroit, Mich.,
returned home on Monday last after
spending a month with her sister and
niece, Mrs. H. and Gladys, who has
been ill with typhoid fever.

Address and Presentation

On Thursday evening, Nov. 22nd, a
large gathering of the friends and
neighbors met at the residence of Mr.
Paul Kingston, West Huntingdon, to
spend a social evening, previous to their
removal to Stirling.

The following address and presenta-
tion was made:

To Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kingston and
Miss Sarah:

Dear friends,
Many times, yes too often human
lives come to the last sad stage
without the words of appreciation which
would have been so cheering if they had
only been offered at some trying portion
of the rugged pilgrimage.

However, we are pleased that we have
the opportunity of greeting you, and we
feel sure that it is also at an appropriate
time as well. We know that after the long
and faithful journey you have pur-
sued over the hills and plains of life, that
you must find it somewhat trying to pre-
pare to leave the home which you have la-
bored for so long, and to go out into new
scenes and different environments.

We have found you true friends, kind-
hearted neighbors, model citizens and
as Church workers, useful and worthy.
As organist of the Sunday School Miss
Sarah has shown herself useful and com-
petent and we will all and always have a
warm welcome for you as you return to
our midst, as we trust you often may.

We are glad that you have decided to,
at least, make your future home so near
to us as the charming village of Stirling,
for we know that you will find many
warm friends from the first, and as you
are leaving on "The Homestead," those
who will strive to know and represent you,
and maintain the same relations, you will
the more often be induced to revisit us,
and will have a deeper interest in us.

In asking you to accept of these tokens
we know that you will consider them as
only slight indications of our good-will to-
wards you, given in the same unassuming
way in which you have performed your
everyday life among us. And we know
(for your encouragement, if you need it,
and at least, because we feel it our duty)
remind you that you have done us good,
and our gratitude to you for your true and
simple life will constrain us to pray for
you, for—

After the elation of battle
There comes a moment of rest,
And the simple hopes and the simple joys
And the simple thoughts are best.

And eye to the life worn spirit—
The happiest thoughts are those
That carry us back to the simple joys
And the sweetness of life's repose.

A simple love and a trust in God
And a simple duty done,
Are truer torches to light to death
Than a whole world's victories won.

Signed on behalf of the community—
HENRY WALLACE
WM. WRIGHT
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The peculiar properties of Chamberlain's
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tested during epidemics of influenza, and
when it was taken in time we have not
heard of a single case of pneumonia. Sold
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FIREMAN'S CONCERT

On the Evening of

Wednesday, Dec. 7

The Marmora Choral Society

may be heard in the Opera House,
under the auspices of Stirling Fire
Brigade. Under the leadership of
Mr. Lamb this Society has been de-
veloped until it has reached a state of
perfection seldom found in small
towns. A treat awaits you.

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will also be present, which will com-
plete a very attractive programme.
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In the local column will be charged as follows:
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der, 25 cents each insertion; over three lines,
75c. per line. Matter set in larger than the or-
dinary type, 10c. per line.
To Transient Advertisers.—10c. per line each
insertion. No insertion less than 25c.

RAILWAY TIME TABLE.

Trains call at Stirling station as follows—
GOING WEST. GOING EAST.
Mail & Ex. 6.03 a.m. Passenger 10.27 a.m.
Passenger 6.45 p.m. Mail & Ex. 3.41 p.m.

The Stirling News-Argus.

THURSDAY, DEC. 7, 1910.

LOCAL MATTERS.

Don't forget to attend the sale of
fancy and useful articles in the base-
ment of the Methodist Church on Fri-
day, December 9th, from 8 to 10 o'clock.

Three By-laws for the purchasing of
an Electric light plant, and for other
purposes were voted upon in Marmora
on Monday last, and carried by large
majorities.

A couple of drunken men caused
some disturbance on the street on Sat-
urday night, and it is likely they will
have to appear before the magistrate to
answer for it.

Tooke's celebrated Collars, 2 for 25c. at
Fred Ward's.

The first snow of any account fell on
Monday night, but was only some two
or three inches, and as the weather has
been mild since it has only made slush
and mud on the streets.

A reorganization meeting of "The
Minto Literary Society," will be held
in the Baptist Church at Minto next
Tuesday evening. All members are
urged to be present at 7.30 p.m.

There are others, but none so equal
Tooke's collars, 2 for 25c. at Fred Ward's.

Mr. Paul Kingston and family have
moved into the village, and have taken
up their residence on John street, in the
premises recently occupied by Mr. G.
E. Kennedy, B. A. Mr. Kennedy has
removed to the rooms upstairs in the
Lanktree Block.

We think you would be saving money
by purchasing your Furs at Fred Ward's.

The Maple Leaf Mission Band of St.
Andrew's Church Stirling purpose hold-
ing a social on Friday Evening Decem-
ber 16th, when a splendid program with
refreshments will be furnished. For
further particulars see next weeks issue
and posters.

The Ladies Union of the Methodist
Church are having a sale of goods suit-
able for Christmas presents etc., in the
basement of the Methodist Church on
Friday December 9th, from 8 to 10 p.m.
A special feature will be the Domestic
Table at which you can get your sup-
ply of eatables for Saturday.

Leave your order now at Fred Ward's
for that new suit. Satisfaction or money
back.

For over twenty years The Weekly
Sun, Toronto, has occupied an enviable
position, diligently serving the Ontario
farmers. It is edited for their particu-
lar benefit, and a special effort will be
made during the coming year to make
it even of more practical value than
ever before. All interested in farming
should read The Sun.

Mr. J. O. Herity of the Belleville Ont-
ario, also publisher of the Markham
Sun, has sold the latter newspaper
plant to Mr. O. S. Hicks of Belleville.
Mr. Hicks was formerly interested in
journalism but latterly has been con-
ducting a successful business in Bel-
leville. He will take possession of the
Markham Sun on December 1st.

About noon on Sunday the fire bell
rang out an alarm and the firemen
quickly responded, but it was found
that it was only a chimney burning out
at the residence of Mr. Robert Eggle-
ton at the east end of the village. The
alarm caused some excitement among
the congregation of St. Andrew's
Church, and the service was rather ab-
ruptly closed.

Considering the very unfavorable
weather, the bazaar which was held on
Friday last in the Masonic Hall, in
connection with St. John's Guild passed
off most successfully. The different
booths which were prettily decorated
for the occasion were well patronized,
and the musical programme well ren-
dered. A thoroughly enjoyable even-
ing was spent by all. Proceeds \$80.00.

The Laborer's Friend

Rev. W. G. Hanna, B. A., Secretary
of the Ontario branch of the Lord's
Day Alliance, will address a meeting
in St. Andrew's Church next Monday
evening in the interests of the Alliance.
This is not a denominational organiza-
tion, but seeks to secure one day of rest
every week for those who have to labor,
and Mr. Hanna will tell of the efforts
in this behalf. The meeting will be
opened at 7 o'clock. Every one will be
made welcome, and an opportunity
will be given to ask questions relative
to the work and powers of the Alliance,
and the Sunday traffic that annoys so
many, as well as to contribute to the
funds necessary to carry on this laud-
able work.

Rev. Irl R. Hicks' 1911 Almanac

The Rev. Irl R. Hicks' Almanac for
1911, that guardian angel in a hundred-
thousand homes, is now ready. Not
many are now willing to be without it,
and the Rev. Irl R. Hicks' magazine,
WORDS AND WORKS. The two are
only one dollar a year. The Almanac
is 35c. prepaid. No home or office
should fail to send for them to Word
and Works publishing Company, St.
Louis, Mo.

Dawkins-Brown

The residence of Mr. and Mrs. J.
Brown of Warkworth was the scene of
a very interesting event on Wednesday
November 10th. The occasion was the
marriage of their eldest daughter, Ethel
Mildred to Mr. Wallace R. Dawkins of
the village of Stirling. Rev. W. D.
Harrison of Warkworth was the officiat-
ing clergyman. The many presents
were handsome and very appropriate.
Mr. and Mrs. Dawkins left for their
honeymoon trip, and will make their
home at Stirling. The Journal joins
heartily in congratulations and good
wishes to the young couple.—Wark-
worth Journal.

Oddfellows Visit Madoc

Monday evening was the occasion of
a very happy and important event in
the records of the local lodge of Inde-
pendent Order of Oddfellows. Visiting
brethren numbering about 43, from
Tweed, Thomasburg and Stirling, in-
cluding the degree team from the latter
place were present.

The various degrees were conferred
upon several candidates of Madoc lodge
by Stirling lodge, under the direction of
Mr. W. T. Sine, in a very efficient man-
ner. Many highly complimentary re-
marks were made in reference to the
thorough and precise manner of the vi-
siting team, who have made a reputation
for themselves throughout the district.

Following the presentation of four
veterans' jewels, which mark twenty-
five years' continuous membership,
were short addresses by members of
Stirling and Madoc lodges, including
a vote of thanks to the Stirling team
for their services.

Oysters and other refreshments were
afterwards served in the supper-room of
the lodge, bringing a memorable even-
ing to a close.—North Hastings Review

Improving the Quality of Garden Seeds

The result of a test made last year by
the Seed Commissioner's branch of the
Department of Agriculture of seed corn,
field root and garden seeds sold in Can-
ada shows that 33 per cent were highly
satisfactory, 49 per cent up to standard
and 18 per cent on the prohibited list.
As everyone knows, most garden seeds
are sold in sealed envelopes, and hith-
erto there has been no guarantee to the
purchaser of the percentage of those
seeds that would germinate. The In-
spectors who enforce the Seed Control
Act bought 2,527 samples of seed ex-
posed for sale by retailers and whole-
salers all over Canada, and these were
sent to the Seed Laboratory for testing,
with the results already mentioned.
The Seed Control Act sets up a stand-
ard that certain classes of seed offered
for sale must be capable of germinating
in the proportion of at least two-thirds
of the standard recognized for good seed
of the kind. If the seed count below
this standard the package must be
marked according to the percentage of
germination, so that the buyer may
know for what he is paying. The value
of this Act to the Agriculturist is
obvious. The Act furthermore pro-
vides that seedmen and dealers may be
prosecuted for not complying with its
requirements. A further test was
made last May in which 752 samples of
garden seeds were examined, and the
examination showed that about 11 per
cent were below the standard. This is
an improvement of seven per cent over
last year's test, and shows that the Seed
Control Act has commenced its benefi-
cent work.

Rev. F. L. Farewell, one of the Field
Secretaries of the Methodist General
Board of Sunday Schools and Young
People's Societies, has conducted about
forty local Institutes within the past
few months, with great advantage to
the work. They may have been chiefly in
the Bay of Quinte and Montreal Con-
ferences, and mostly in the interests of
Sunday Schools, though some have been
Epworth League Institutes.

"Call things by their right names,"
said that eminent preacher a century
ago, Robert Hall. "Glass of brandy
and water." That is the current but
not the appropriate name; ask for a
glass of fire and distilled damnation!

It is because the road house and some
of the saloons have been shown to be so
vile, and because Archbishop Broches
and Premier Laurier, and others, are
determined to do their best to reduce
the selling of distilled and other damna-
tion, that the License Commissioners
are at length cancelling the licences of
some of the worst liquor sellers and cas-
inos to remove them from the city, and that
liquor sellers have their fiercest passion-
ions against those active in pressing
reforms. It is dangerous perhaps for
the reformer but every good cause
must have its martyrs, and recent hap-
pings have shown that the day of tri-
umphant liquor is passing fast. Hence
their rage.—Witness

Auction Sales

SATURDAY DEC. 3rd.—At the Ker-
by House premises, a number horses,
horses, harness, etc., the property of
W. R. and Jos. Delaney. Sale at 2
o'clock. W. R. Delaney, Auctioneer.

SATURDAY DEC. 10th.—At the premise
lately occupied by Mr. Wm. Winsor,
Early Street, Stirling, a quantity of
household furniture and other articles,
the property of Miss Agnes Winsor.
Sale at 1 o'clock. Wm. Rodgers, Auctioneer.

THURSDAY DEC. 15th.—On Lots 14
and 15, the 9th Concession, 8th Range,
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PUDDINGS.

Grandmother's Pudding.—One pint of milk, one pint of molasses, warm slowly and stir well together. Beat the whites of four eggs and the yolks of five separately until light and stir gradually into the milk and molasses. Add three-quarters of a pound of finely chopped suet and stir in enough Indian meal to make a thick batter. Add a teaspoon of cinnamon, a little grated nutmeg, half a pound of seeded raisins; beat the mixture together thoroughly. Dip pudding bag into boiling water, flour lightly and pour in pudding, leaving plenty of room to swell. Boil four hours. Serve hot with maple hard sauce made of shaved maple sugar and butter beaten together. Never fails.

Pudding.—Put into a saucepan over the fire the juice of one can of pineapple, the juice of one lemon, one-half cupful of sugar and one-half box of lemon gelatin that has been dissolved in one-half cupful of cold water. Let come to a scald, then pour over the well beaten whites of four eggs. Cut the pineapple into small pieces and add one-half pound of Malaga grapes halved and seeded. Arrange the fruit in a mold, then pour the liquid gelatin over it and let congeal. Serve with a dressing made by cooking to a soft custard one pint of milk and the yolks of four eggs and sugar and vanilla to taste; drop flakes of whipped cream on top.

English Plum Pudding.—Three pounds raisins, two pounds currants, one-half pound citron, one-quarter pound each of lemon and orange peel, candied, one and one-half tablespoonfuls allspice, four pounds dark brown sugar, three leaves stale bread centers, one pound candied cherries, one pound English walnuts, one-half pound almonds, one-half pound suet, chopped, eight eggs. Roll the chopped suet, almonds, walnuts, and cherries, cut in halves, the raisins and currants, and the sliced citron, lemon and orange peel in flour. Shake the loose flour from them and add the bread centres broken in small pieces, or better if grated, the sugar and allspice. Stir until all are thoroughly mixed. Beat eggs slightly and add to above mixture. Add enough flour and water to make a good paste, or enough to make the pudding hold together firmly. Put pudding into strong square of unbleached muslin, pull corners of muslin to center so as to form a ball and tie the tightly with strong cord. Fill large kettle with water, and when water is boiling rapidly drop in the pudding. Boil four hours. The water must constantly be boiling all over the four hours and thoroughly cover the top of pudding. This pudding can be made two or three weeks before Christmas, as age improves it.

MINCE MEATS.

Meatless Mincemeat.—One peck of green tomatoes put through meat grinder, cover with water and boil till soft. One-half peck of apples chopped fine; one pound of raisins, one pound of currants, one-half pound of beef suet chopped up fine, three pounds of brown sugar, one pint of vinegar, one teaspoonful each of ground cloves, cinnamon, and nutmeg. Mix all ingredients and boil till apples are soft. Before using add a wine glass of brandy to each pie.

Mincemeat.—Two pounds lean beef, one-half pound suet, two and one-half pounds juicy apples, one pound seeded raisins, one pound sultanas, one pound currants, one pound figs, one pound dates, one-quarter pound citron, one and one-half tablespoonfuls cinnamon, one tablespoonful mace, one-half tablespoonful allspice, three-quarters tablespoonful salt, two and one-half quarts sweet cider. Boil beef until tender, cool and chop fine; pare and chop apples, raisins figs, dates, and citron; mix all well and let boil a few minutes; put in jars boiling hot. Will keep till summer.

PIES.

Pumpkin Pie.—To one cup stewed and sifted pumpkin add one tablespoonful melted butter, one teaspoonful flour, one-half teaspoonful each of ginger and salt, four tablespoonfuls sugar, one tablespoonful N. O. molasses, and beaten yolks of two eggs. In separate dish beat one and one-half cupfuls milk, to which add little nutmeg and cinnamon and one teaspoonful vanilla, after which stir into the pumpkin mixture. Just before pouring into the pie tin add beaten whites of two eggs and sprinkle little brown sugar on top, with few bits of butter. Bake about fifteen minutes.

Pumpkin Pie Without Eggs.—One can of pumpkin—or one quart of fresh stewed—one quart sweet milk, nine soda crackers, rolled or ground fine, one and one-half cups sugar, one tablespoonful flour, one teaspoonful cinnamon, one-half tea-

spoonful nutmeg, one-half teaspoonful salt, and tablespoonful melted butter. Beat all well together and pour into three open crusts. These are light and rich and as good as though eggs were used and much cheaper, now that eggs are soaring. Condensed milk and water may be used with equally good results.

CANDY.

Sea Foam Candy.—Two cupfuls of brown and one cupful of granulated sugar, one cupful of water, three tablespoonfuls of vinegar or juice of one-half of a lemon. Boil until it forms in hard balls, then stir into the well beaten whites of two eggs until it begins to set, then add one teaspoonful of vanilla and one cupful of broken nut meats, and drop on buttered paper or plate in rough shape.

Wheat Confection.—Heat one package of puffed wheat in the oven until crisp. For the syrup take one cup granulated sugar, one-half cup water, pinch soda, pinch salt, one tablespoonful vinegar, one tablespoonful butter, three tablespoonfuls corn syrup and boil until it spins threads. Then mix with wheat and press in to shallow pans. Cut into squares when cool.

STALE TOBACCO ODOR.

There is no odor more disagreeable to some people than that of stale tobacco smoke and tobacco ashes. Sometimes a room becomes so permeated with it that it becomes hardly possible for delicate persons to breathe in it. There is a remedy suggested by an English woman who suffered and overcame:

Close the room up well overnight, with doors and windows tightly shut, and leave in it a large pail full of water, with a few wisps of straw. For some reason the water and the straw together absorb the smoke and even take up the odor of ashes. Needless to say, all discoverable ashes should previously have been removed and thrown away.

THE LAUNDRY.

Heavy Articles.—Make enough warm—not hot—soapsuds to cover what you want to wash. Take your washboard, lay part of the article flat on it, and scrub with your scrubbing brush until all is scrubbed. When all is clean, rinse in several clean waters. Do not wring but lift out of water on to line. You will be more than pleased with this easy way.

To Wash Blankets.—All that is necessary is abundance of soft water and soap without resin in it. Resin hardens the fibres of wool and should never be used in washing any kind of flannel goods. Blankets treated as above will always come out soft and clean. A little bluing may be used in washing white blankets. They should be shaken and snapped until almost dry; it will require two persons to handle them. Woollen shawls and all woollen articles, especially men's wear, are much improved by being pressed with a hot iron under damp muslin.

DOMESTIC HINTS.

Toast water is a soothing and healing drink during attacks of bronchitis.

Turpentine for Fresh Cuts.—An excellent remedy. It takes out soreness without smarting.

Never put salt in soup until it has been skimmed, as salt prevents the scum from rising.

Persons subject to rheumatism or a weak heart should not take baths that are ice cold.

A piece of absorbent cotton in the palm of your gloves will take up all the moisture of the hands.

Save all water in which meat has been washed to water house plants. It is an excellent fertilizer.

Before frying fish dust it off with salt and pepper. Never use filling or stuffing in fat fish that is to be baked.

Turkeys, carrots, sweet potatoes and horse radish keep fresh a long time by being buried in sand in the cellar.

Never allow fresh meat to remain in paper—it absorbs the juices.

In mixing salads the oil should be added first and thoroughly spread before adding the other ingredients and mixing.

Polish your toilet silver a little every day with a soft, dry cloth, and it will not need to be polished once a week.

Ordinary bread pudding is more tempting if served with a coating of whipped cream sprinkled with walnut meats.

A sanitary and useful article for the kitchen is a pair of surgical scissors, as they are easily taken apart and cleaned.

Bathe chilblains in very hot water, as hot as can be borne, and rub well with paraffin and mustard and they will soon disappear.

A small pair of pincers is of great assistance in dressing poultry. Pin feathers can be removed easily with the aid of the pincers.

When making jelly and it does not all clean a few carrots, cut them up, and put them in jelly. Let boil a few minutes until done.

After basting in a top collar tuck the front edge down firmly. The collar will not wrinkle and will stay clean a great deal longer.

A dying palm and several drooping ferns were wonderfully revived by pouring about a teaspoonful of castor oil on the soil around the roots.

If you thread knots while sewing rub the knot toward the needle and not toward the work. If you do the latter the knot will assuredly tighten.

LATEST THING IN WHEAT.

Three Thousand Grains Gathered From One Seed.

A remarkable story of a single grain of wheat comes from a Daily Mail correspondent at South Hurreth, Essex, England. Seventy ears of wheat containing in all nearly three thousand grains is the astonishing harvest gathered from this one seed, and the owner of the wonderful crop is a Mrs. Gentry, who was following out a three-year-old Russian wheat planting experiment.

It will be remembered that General Levitsky, the author of the experiment, sowed a single grain of wheat in a conical pit about eighteen inches deep. As the grain began to sprout above the surface of the thin layer of soil placed over it in the bottom of the pit, it was earthed over. The next time it appeared there were several shoots, and the whole were covered again. Thence, till the pit was filled up, the earthing over process was repeated every time the grain appeared, the shoots having meanwhile multiplied till they filled the whole breadth of the top of the hole. One grain of wheat treated in this way by General Levitsky produced nearly 20,000 shoots, and necessarily increased its productivity in an amazing manner.

Mrs. Gentry dug out a conical pit of the requisite measurement in a corner of her garden. There was only half an inch of soil between the grain of wheat which she placed in the bottom of the pit and the sub-soil of gravel. The top of the pit was about one yard across.

This was done some time in March, 1909, and the grain was just covered with earth. The next time, about three weeks later, the grain appeared there were half a dozen shoots. From then till harvest-time the sprouting grain was covered over and over again, until the pit was leveled up and a grass of wheat clothed the whole of the yard-wide circle.

During the ensuing winter this miniature crop of wheat, all springing from one grain, remained in the normal state of quiescence, and last spring it began to go ahead again, growing finely all through the summer until a week or two ago, when the bulk of it was obviously ripe for cutting. Mrs. Gentry gathered it. The crop then covered an area of about six square feet.

Eighty-five stalks of wheat were the outcome of the experiment. Twenty ears were of very large size and the grain of good quality; 50 were of medium size and a little below the average in quality, while the remaining 15 were still green and unripened. Today I was shown the wonderful little harvest, which is being carefully preserved in the cottage parlor. We chose an average ear from the bundle and counted the grains in it. They totalled 44, and therefore, allowing an average of only 40 grains for each ear of the 70 ripe ears, the grains produced by the single original grain are at least 2,800. The 70 ears weigh about four ounces.

LADY WITH THE LAMP.

Nurses and Soldiers Remembered in Her Will.

Florence Nightingale left property valued at \$175,000, and its disposition was worthy of her. She left \$5,000 in cash to nurses or other engaged in charitable work, and several considerable annuities where they were needed. Soldiers and nurses were always in her thoughts, and she remembered the former in the disposition of her most valued treasures.

She left the jewels given her by Queen Victoria, the bracelet given her by the Sultan, her other medals and orders, and an engraving of the ground round Sebastopol to the managers of the reading room at Herbert Hospital, or at Netley or Aldershot. "For at some other place," where soldiers may see them." The bust of herself given to her by the soldiers she left in the same way. Her prints, including those of Queen Victoria and Prince Albert, given her by the Queen at Balmoral in 1856, are divided among the Nightingale Training School for Nurses.

THE S. S. LESSON

INTERNATIONAL LESSON,
DEC. 4.

Lesson X.—Peter's Denial, Matt.

26. 31-35, 69-75. Golden Text, 1. Cor. 10. 12.

Verse 31. Then—It was, according to Matthew's account, and Mark's also, just after the dramatic scene in the upper room, and the minds of the disciples must have been filled with the amazing declaration of the Master that one of them should betray him. Now comes the even more definite statement that on this very night they all were to be offended (that is, made to stumble) because of him. This was simply in accord, Jesus explained, with the ancient words of Zechariah (13. 7) to the effect that the sheep would no longer hold together in the flock when God should smite the shepherd, but they would be scattered. It was not said as a rebuke to their cowardice, but because now at the end, more than ever before, they seemed to him like sheep without a shepherd, and he pitied them. So, lest despair should overtake them at the dread announcement, he proceeds to reassure them with the hopeful promise of the next verse.

32. I will go before you—At the close of the passover they would naturally turn back to their homes in Galilee. Besides, events to follow were to make Jerusalem an insecure place for them to remain. So they were to be scattered, but, when they had returned to the old haunts, they would find that Jesus had gotten there ahead of them.

33. But Peter—In his headstrong, self-reliant way answering for the rest, and vigorously protesting that, for himself, he will never be offended. He takes no account whatever of the promised resurrection and meeting in Galilee. His impetuosity leads him to contradict his Master, to assume a superiority to all his comrades, and to claim for himself an invincible self-sufficiency.

34. Jesus, introducing his assertion with the strong Verily I say unto thee, is equally emphatic. He reiterates that on that very night Peter will be one of those to be offended in him. This is enforced with the addition, before the cock crow, which is an expression for the approach of dawn of day. All the Gospels agree that there are to be three denials, although there is some confusion as to just the form in which Jesus made this declaration to Peter.

35. Even—Matthew's way of saying what Mark expresses with the words "exceeding vehemently" (14. 31). There can be no question about the courage of the man who drew his sword in his Master's defence in the garden, and afterward dared to proceed to the palace of the man whose servant he had smitten. He was the kind to follow Jesus to the death. In fact, all the disciples entered the same protest.

36. Peter was sitting without in the court—Compare John 18. This was at the high priest's house, within which the trial of Jesus before the Jewish authorities was taking place. The court was beneath (Mark 14, 66) the audience chamber into which Peter would be unable to gain admission.

A maid—Elsewhere we learn she was the portress. How she identified Peter as one of the companions of the Galilean we cannot tell. The accounts agree only in the larger fact of his repeated denials, and are full of differences in the matter of detail. As John was actually present, his version of what took place should be studied carefully.

72. Denied with an oath—Perhaps he felt that, having been tricked into one falsehood, he must now hedge himself in with another and more emphatic repudiation of any connection with Jesus.

73. They that stood by—A group of servants and officers, who were warming themselves at a fire. Peter's part in the skirmish in the garden seems to have been the thing which led to his detection now (John 18. 26).

74. To curse and to swear—Was it a revival of "the habit of his three former days," dormant these three years?

75. He went out—It had happened, as Luke tells us, that at this moment Jesus was being led from the judgment chamber of the high priest out into the court, and he heard the imprecations and last denial of Peter. So it was the look which Jesus gave him, as well as the simultaneous crowing of the cock, that made the disciple hurry away weeping bitterly. It is this sincere repentance on the part of Peter by which we must measure his guilt.

It proves to us that his love for the Master had not really changed. His blunders were the result of what appears to be worthy enough motives. He may have wished merely to keep near Jesus, and denied the right of anyone connected with the enemies of his Master to know his identity. He lied first to avoid being thrown out, and then a second

time to cover up a falsehood which, if discovered, would surely lead to his ejection, and still a third time simply to keep up his dogged determination to see the affair through to the end. Of course, there is no defending his conduct. But it was not the conduct of a craven and faithless disciple.

CATS CAUSE OF DISEASE.

House Pets Carry Contagion from Their Plebian Friends.

The United States Bureau of Agriculture have the domestic cat in their black books. Pussy is a menace to public health, say they, and of precious little use in any respect. Dr. A. K. Fisher, of the bureau, a recognized authority on the house cat, says:

The highly-pampered pet cat of the luxurious household never fails to get out and roam around with the ordinary alley cat. In many instances the alley cat, which prowls all night long with the pet cat, has spent the day sleeping in some hut or hovel in an alley where smallpox, diphtheria or tuberculosis is hid. This disease is transmitted from one cat to another, and thus carried into homes where everything but the pet cat is sanitary.

"I can state from my personal observation that only about five per cent. of cats are really mousers. As a matter of fact, they prefer birds to mice. Little harm would be done if the whole cat tribe were exterminated, but there would be too much opposition to that. Still, when some of the facts concerning cats are known to the public, many mothers will be more careful about allowing their children to play with cats."

SLUMP IN IRISH WHISKEY.

Big Drop in Exports Under the New Tax.

Striking figures as to the effect of last year's budget on the Irish whiskey trade were submitted the other day at a meeting of the Dublin Licensed Grocers' and Vintners' Association. They amply justify the forebodings to which expression was given when the extra duty of 3s. 6d. was imposed. Briefly they show that while the higher tax was in force for only eight months of 1909, the export of whiskey from Ireland for the calendar year declined in value by something like a fourth as compared with the average for the previous five years. For the period 1904-8 the average export exceeded 8,000,000 proof gallons, and the annual value, free of duty, was over £2,000,000.

The actual figures for 1908 were 8,108,157 gallons, valued at £2,165,958. In 1909, during four months of which the old duty was in force, the quantity exported amounted to only 6,166,523 gallons, valued at £1,667,392, or a decrease in quantity as compared with 1908 of 1,951,634 gallons, and in value of £288,567. This, it was stated, was the actual loss which the country had sustained, and there is, of course, no reason to anticipate a better state of things for the year 1910.

BRAVE MAN!

Silently the burglars proceeded from the pork pie to the Burgundy, from the Burgundy to the silver spoons.

But it was a house of antique build, and a board creaked.

"John," whispered a voice in the bedroom above, "I believe that there are burglars in the house."

"Well, I don't!" came the gruff reply.

"Wake up, John, and be a man!" she urged.

"What shall I do?"

"Do!" exclaimed his better half.

"Why, go and catch them."

"All right, dear," answered John, and began slowly to crawl towards his dressing gown. Then an idea struck him. Seizing one of his slippers, and banging it upon the floor, he shouted:

"Hi, there! I shall be down in a minute!"

WHY THEY DRIFT TO TOWN.

France of late years has been suffering from a drift of farmer's boys to towns. Conscription is held partially responsible for this trend, for the young soldiers are initiated into the pleasures of city life, and when their term is over they will not return to their native fields. Another cause of the exodus is the ravage of the vine-worm, which for twenty years has destroyed vineyards. Whatever be the cause, the fact remains, and agriculture will continue to suffer more each year from a scarcity of labor.

SENTENCE SERMONS.

The nail of a good precept always needs the hammer of practice to drive it in.

The idler always indicts the stream for flowing the wrong way.

No virtue without vigor.

Any man who owns an automobile will tell you that a punctured tire is anything but an inexpensive blow-out.

ODD GLUES TO MURDERS

MOST CRIMINALS ARE FOOLS,
DETECTIVE SAYS.

Trivial Cases Upon Which Great Criminal Cases Have Turned.

Criminals are very forgetful persons. The famous series of frauds on the Bank of England by the Benson brothers a generation ago was terminated by the fact that the forgers of the drafts forgot to date the last one presented. This almost incredible blunder led to the breakup of the most dangerous band of criminals England has ever known, says Pearson's Weekly.

An uneasy conscience gave away, Dougal, the Moat Farm murderer. He had presented a forged check on his victim's banking account, and the clerk, not recognizing the signature, asked Dougal to wait a few moments. Convinced that it was a trick to detain him until the police were summoned, the wretched man bolted, and that set in motion a train of suspicious that eventually resulted in the discovery of one of the most cold blooded crimes in the history of murder.

Any detective of experience will tell you that most criminals are fools, which is a good thing in the long run for those whose business it is to detect crime.

There was a case in the midlands nearly twenty years ago which concerned a man who spent many days planning

A WOMAN'S MURDER

and disguising his own personality so that nobody could ever suspect him of the crime. Then, when his plans were completed, he lured the unfortunate woman to a lonely place and murdered her.

He was more than astonished to find himself under arrest within an hour of the discovery of the dead body, but it was no wonderful feat of detection after all. In his haste and confusion the murderer had actually left his visiting card on his victim's body.

A child's penny toy lantern directly led to the hanging of Fowler and Milson for the Muswell Hill murder. It was a lucky clue, that finding of the child whose toy had been left behind in the house with the body of Mr. Smith, the murdered man. It was the property of Fowler's little brother, and the child's innocent pleasure at the recovery of his lantern was the culminating stroke in one of the greatest tragedies of the last fifty years.

Clothes played a prominent part in the Yarmouth Beach murder case of nine years ago, but it was a boot lace that finally fastened the crime on Bennett. That trivial boot lace had been used to strangle the poor woman who died where so many had found holiday happiness; and those who attended the trial will never forget the

PROFOUND IMPRESSION

created by the production of the string.

Upon a certain occasion a prominent merchant and railway magnate was talking in the street to a friend of his, who was eminent in the service of the State. A young man passed by, and, to the astonishment of the former, his companion nodded pleasantly to him. "Who was that?" asked the railway director, thinking he might have been mistaken.

"Oh, that is Mr. Blank, the well known philanthropist."

Now the gentleman of the railways knew Mr. Blank by another name and in a different capacity; in fact he was one of the clerks in the employ of the railway of which he was director. Examination of the books confirmed the worst suspicions, for the pseudo philanthropist had been robbing his employers for years in order to gratify his ambition to get into society. He had not been for that casual recognition in public the company would have lost thousands more than it did.

That was trivial chance of course, but it was more than this which caused Mrs. Dyer, the Reading baby farmer, to wrap one of the bodies of her victims in a piece of brown paper bearing

HER OWN NAME AND ADDRESS

It broke away and floated to the top of the river.

But all great criminal cases have turned more or less on trivial things. A railway ticket played a prominent part in the recent trial at Newcastle of Alexander Dickman, charged with the murder of Nesbitt, the colliery cashier. It bore the name of one station and was given up at another.

Half an addressed envelope convicted a murderer twenty years ago, although the name and address had nothing to do with him except that the other half was found in his bedroom. A piece of file convicted a murderer named Orok, who is now forgotten, but whose crime excited tremendous interest some years ago. Armed with half of a common file the police tracked him down after one of the finest feats of detective work in the annals of detection.

THE SECRET OF HER POWER;

Or, A TRUTH NEVER OLD.

CHAPTER XIII.—(Cont'd)

The morning is very still, a fine, soft rain is falling, wet jessamine-flowers tap against the panes of the closed windows, a great apprehension seems to make his very heart stand still.

As the clock points to the hour she enters the room.

She is very pale, and wears a morning gown of white plush, which trails behind her in a silver shadow. He kisses her hands passionately, but she draws them away.

"Wait a little," she says, gently. "Wait till you know—whatever there is to know."

"I want to know but one thing," she smiles a little sadly.

"Oh, you think so now because you are in love with me. But in time to come, when that is passed, you will not be so easily content. If—she hesitates a moment—"if there is to be any community between our lives, you must be quite satisfied as to my past. It is your right to be satisfied; and were you not so, some time or other we should both be wretched."

His eyes flashed with joy. "Then—" he begins, breathlessly.

"Oh! how like a man that is!" she says, sadly. "To think but of the one thing, of the one present moment, and to be ready to give all the future in pawn for it! Wait to hear everything. And first of all, I must tell you that Lord Gervase also last night asked me to marry him."

"And you?" "I shall not marry Lord Gervase. But I will not disguise from you that once I would have done so gladly, had I been free to do it."

Blanford is silent; he changes color.

"I had him come here for my answer," she continues. "He will be here in a few minutes. I wish you to remain in the large library, so that you may hear all that I say to him."

"I cannot do that. I cannot play the part of eavesdropper."

"You will play that part, or any other that I ask you, if you love me," she says, with a touch of imperiousness.

"Do you not see," she goes on, with more gentleness, "that if our lives are to be passed near each other (I do not say that they are, but you seem to wish it), you must first of all be convinced of the truth of all I tell you? If one doubts, one suspicion, remain, you will, in time, become unable to banish it. It will grow and grow until you were mastered by it. You believe in what I tell you now; but how long would you believe after marriage?"

"I want no proof; I only want your word. Nay, I do not even want that. I will ask you nothing. I swear that I will never ask you anything."

"That is very beautiful; and I am sure that you mean it now. But it could not last. You are a very proud man; you are a gentleman de race. It would in time become intolerable to you if you believed that any one living man had any title to point a finger of scorn at you. You have a right to know what my relations were with Lord Gervase; it is necessary for all the peace of our future that you should know everything—know that there is nothing more left for you to know. You can only be convinced of that if you yourself hear what I say to him. Go; and wait there."

Blanford hesitates. To listen unseen is a part which seems very cowardly to him, and yet she is right, no doubt; all the peace of the future may depend on it. He is ready to pledge himself blindly in the dark in all ways, but he knows that she, in forbidding him to do so, speaks the word of wisdom, of foresight, and of truth.

"Go," she repeats. "Men have a thousand ways of proving the truth of whatever they say; we have none, or next to none. If you refuse me this, the sole, poor evidence that I can produce, I will never be to you anything that you now wish. Never; that I swear to you."

He hesitates, and looks at her with a long, inquiring regard. Then he bows, and goes.

After all, she is within her rights. She has no other means to show him with any proof what this man whose name is so odiously entangled with her own has, or has not, been to her.

The house is still quite silent, and no one is likely to come into these rooms until much later. Every syllable said in the small library can be heard in any part of the larger one. He stands in the embrasure of one of the windows, the velvet

curtains making a screen behind him. He seems to wait for hours; in reality only five minutes have passed when he hears the door of the great library open, and Gervase passes quickly through the apartment without seeing him, and goes on into the one where she waits his coming.

"Are you really risen so early?" she says, with a sarcastic coldness in her voice. "I remembered afterward that it was too cruel to name to you any hour before noon."

"You are unkind," he answers. "To hear what I hope to hear, you may be sure that I would have gone through much greater trials than even rising with the lark, had you commanded it."

His words are light, but his accent is tender and appealing.

"What do you hope to hear?" she asks abruptly. The question embarrasses him and sounds cold.

"I hope to hear that you pardon me the past and will deign to crown my future."

"I pardon you the past, certainly. With neither your present nor your future have I anything to do."

"You say that very cruelly—so cruelly that it makes your forgiveness more unkind than your hatred would be."

"I intend no unkindness. I merely wish to express indifference. Perhaps I am even mistaken in saying that I entirely forgive you. When I remember that you once possessed any influence over me, I scarcely do forgive you, for I am forced to despise myself."

"Those are very hard words! Perhaps in the past I was unworthy of having known and loved you; but if you will believe in my regret, and allow me occasion to atone, you shall never repent of your indulgence. Pray hear me out, Xenia."

"You cannot call me by that name. It is for my friends; you are not numbered among them."

"I would be much more than your friend. If you will be my wife."

"It is too late," she replies, and her voice is as cold as ice.

"Why too late? We have all the best of our lives unspent before us."

"When I say too late, I mean that if you had said as much to me after the death of Prince Sabaroff, I should have accepted your hand, and I should have spent the whole remainder of my existence in repenting that I had done so; for I should soon have fathomed the shadowiness of your character, the artificiality and poverty of your sentiments, the falseness of your mind, and I should speedily have hated both myself and you."

"You are not merciful, madame!"

He is bitterly humbled and passionately incensed.

"Were you merciful?" she asks him, with the sound of a great anger, carefully controlled, vibrating in her voice. "I was a child, taken out of a country convent, and married as ignorantly as a bird is trapped. I had rank, and I was burdened by it. I was in a great world, a great court, and was terrified by them. The man I had been given to was a gambler, a drunkard, and a brute. He treated me in private as he had treated the women captured in Turkestan or sold as slaves in Persia. You knew that; you were his intimate associate. You used your opportunities to interest me and win your way into my confidence. I had not one in the whole world that I could trust. I did trust you."

She pauses a moment.

Gervase does not dare reply.

"You were so gentle, so considerate, so full of sympathy; I thought you a very angel. A girl of sixteen or seventeen sees the face of St. John in the first Faust who finds his way into her shut soul! You made me care for you; I do not deny it. But why did I care? Because I saw in you the image of a thousand things you were not. Because I imagined that my own fanciful ideal existed in you, and you had the ability to foster the illusion."

"But why recall all of this?" he says, entreatingly. "Perhaps I am unworthy of your innocent attachment, of your exalted imaginations; I dare not say that I was not; but now that I meet you again, now that I care for you ten thousand million times more—"

"What is that to me?" she says, with almost insolent coldness. "It was not I who loved you, but a child who knew no better, and whose heart was so bleeding from the tortures of another man that the first hand which soothed it could take it as one takes a wounded bird! But when my eyes opened to your drift and your desires, when I saw that you were no better than other men, that you tried to tempt me to the

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"You blame me for being merely human. I loved you not better but not worse than men do love."

"I blame you for having been insincere, treacherous, dishonest. You approached me under cover of the most delicate and forbearing sympathy and reverence, and you only wore those masks to cover the vulgar designs of a most commonplace Lothario. Of course, now I know that one must not play with fire unless one is willing to be burned."

"I did not know it then. I was a stupid, unhappy, trembling child, full of poetic fancies, and alone in a dissolute crowd. When you could not make me what you wished to make me, I seemed very tame and useless to you. You turned to more facile women, no doubt, and you left Russia."

"I left Russia under orders; and I wrote to you. I wrote to you repeatedly. You never answered."

"No; I had no wish to answer you. I had seen you as you were, and the veil had fallen from my eyes. I burnt your letters as they came to me. But after the death of Prince Sabaroff you were careful to write no more."

Gervase colors hotly; there is an accent in the words which makes them strike him like whips.

"If you had written to me after that," she continues, "perhaps I should have answered you; perhaps not; I cannot tell. When you knew that I was set free you were silent; you stayed away. I know not where. I never saw you again; I never heard from you again. Now I thank you for your neglect and oblivion, but at the time I confess that it made me suffer. I was very young, still, and romantic. For a while I expected every month which melted the snow would bring you back. So much I admit, though it will flatter you."

It does not flatter him as she says it; rather it wounds him. He has a hateful sense of his own impotency to stir her one hand's breadth, to breathe one spark of warmth into those ashes gone cold forever.

"I do not think," she continues, "that I ever loved you in the sense that woman can love; but you had the power to make me suffer, to feel your oblivion, to remember you when you had forgotten me. When I went into the world again I heard of your successes with others, and gradually I came to see you in your true light, and, almost, the drunken brutality of Prince Sabaroff seemed to me a manlier thing than your half-hearted and shallow erotics had been. Now, when we meet again by pure hazard in the same country house, you do me the honor to offer me your hand after eight years. I can only say, as I have said before, that it is seven years too late!"

"Too late, only because Lord Blanford now is everything to you."

"Lord Blanford may possibly be something to me in the future. But, if Lord Blanford did not exist, if no other living man existed, be sure that it would make no difference to me—or to you."

"Is that your last word?"

"Yes."

Pale and agitated as no other woman had ever seen him, Gervase bows low and leaves her abruptly, pushing open one of the glass doors on to the garden and closing it with a crash behind him.

Xenia Sabaroff goes towards the large library, her silvery train

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Blanford meets her with his hands outstretched.

"You are content, then?" she asks.

"I am more than content—if I may be allowed to atone to you for all that you have suffered."

His own eyes are dim as he speaks.

"But you know that the world will always say that he was my lover?"

"I do not think that the world will say it—of my wife; but, if it do, I, at least, shall not be troubled."

"You have a great nature," she says, with deep emotion.

Blanford smiles. "Oh, I cannot claim so much as that; but I have a great love."

"I'm awfully glad that prig's got spun," says Gervase, as Gervase receives a telegram from the Foreign Office which requires his departure from Surrenden at four o'clock that afternoon.

"Spun! What imagination!" says his wife, very angrily. "Who should have spun him, pray will you tell me?"

"We shall never hear it in so many words," says Usk, with a grim placemancy, "but I'll swear if I die for it, that he's asked your Russian friend to marry him and that she's said she won't. Very wise of her, too. Especially if, as you imply, they carried on together years ago; he'd be eternally throwing it in her teeth; he's what the Yanks call a 'tarnation mean cuss.'"

"I never implied anything of the sort," answers the lady of Surrenden, with great decorum and dignity.

"I never suppose that all my friends are all they ought to be, whatever yours may leave to be desired. If he were attached long ago to Madame Sabaroff, it is neither your affair nor mine. It may possibly concern Lord Blanford, if he have the intentions which you attribute to him."

"Blanford can take care of himself," says Usk, carelessly. "He knows the time of day as well as anybody, and I don't know why you should be rough on it, my lady; it will be positively refreshing if anybody marries after one of your house-parties; they generally only get divorced after them."

"The Waverleys are very good friends still, I believe," says Dorothy Usk, coldly.

The reply seems irrelevant, but to the ear of George Usk it carries considerable relevancy.

He laughs a little nervously. "Oh, yes; so are we, aren't we?"

"Certainly," says the mistress of Surrenden.

At the first Drawing-room this year, the admired of all eyes, and the centre of all comment, is the Lady Blanford.

THE END.

Most people make a specialty of offering explanations that do not explain.

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On the Farm

WHAT PLOUGHING DOES.

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Not all soils, however, should be ploughed deep. Prairie and loamy soil will stand deeper ploughing than heavy clay soils. This latter kind is frequently underlaid with a stiff yellow or reddish clay that is largely impervious to the air and water. To turn this kind of subsoil up to the surface is a mistake and requires several years to become productive. Such land is much benefited by the use of a subsoil plow about once every three years. Such plow should loosen up the subsoil but not throw it up to the surface. Clover and especially alfalfa makes an excellent subsoiler for such land.

In ploughing one should seek to turn over a narrow furrow rather than a wide one. To "cut and sever" is bad policy in ploughing. Turn the furrow slices on edge partially, never over flat. Let one furrow slice lop over nicely onto another, leaving a sort of dividing line between them to catch and hold rainfall. This applies more forcibly to the ploughing of sod land and to fall ploughing than it does to spring-plowed land and that is to be immediately made into a seed bed.

Turn straight furrows and plough the fields the long way in lands. Never follow the practice of ploughing around fields. Turn back furrows into the land level and free from any depressions and old dead furrows. Fall ploughed land should be left rough over winter to better catch and hold the snow.

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Improve the Farmers' Institute

Bobcaygeon Independent.—The annual meeting of the Farmers' Institute again brings forward the very apparent need of having these Institutes organized on a plan similar to that of the Women's Institute. At present the Farmers' Institute is the merest skeleton organization, the members scattered thinly, very thinly, over half a county with annual meetings at certain points. There is no question that the meetings have accomplished a great deal of good, but when so much good is done by a yearly meeting why not extend its usefulness? An annual bath is a good thing and highly recommended but a monthly bath is better. Many persons take a weekly bath, and there are those who take a daily bath without any suffering. The Women's Institute has local branches which hold monthly meetings. They have special meetings addressed by departmental delegates at the same time as the Farmers' Institute have their annual meeting, and in most cases these are followed by joint meetings in the evenings. Each month they take up seasonal subjects and proceed to apply them. It is not merely talk with them but application, and therein lies their increasing interest, their enthusiasm and their success. What the Women's Institute is doing the Farmers' Institute should also be doing, and the Minister of Agriculture will be well advised if he immediately arranges for the organization of the Farmers' Institute on the same lines as the Women's Institute.

Depopulation

To those who are still debating the depopulation and impoverishment of rural Ontario, it may be interesting to know that from 1899 to 1908 the taxes annually imposed in all the rural municipalities have steadily increased year by year from \$4,617,203 to \$7,001,102. That is an increase of \$2,383,899, or more than 50 per cent. During this period the rural population fell off more 61,000, and the tax rate per head of the rural population steadily increased from \$4.16 in 1899 to \$6.69 in 1908, or more than 60 per cent. The municipal statistics from which these figures are taken also furnish interesting information as to the expenditure of these sums. There have been increases in nearly all the township expenditures, but the great increases have been in roads and bridges and in payments on schools and education. Expenditures on roads and bridges increased from \$881,068 in 1899 to \$1,593,060 in 1908, and in the same time payments on schools and education advanced from \$1,960,373 to \$3,007,191, or more than a million, while the rural school population was constantly diminishing.—Weekly Sun.

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A Fatal Accident

Rev. F. T. Dibb of Napanee, pastor of St. Mary Magdalene, was instantly killed on Friday while attempting to board the G. T. R. express for the east. The accident happened just at twelve o'clock. Rev. Mr. Dibb tried to board the train while it was in motion. He slipped off the platform, fell under the wheels and was cut to pieces. Death was instantaneous. Deceased who was forty years of age was very well known in this district. He leaves a wife and two children.
Mr. Dibb was a strong man, physically, mentally and morally, and was a vigorous advocate of temperance principles and of all measures leading to better citizenship. The funeral took place at Napanee on Monday afternoon and the Bishop of Ontario officiated at the burial service.

Presentation and Address

On Saturday evening last a number of the friends and neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Reed, of Wellman's Corners met at their home to spend an evening with them, previous to their removal to a distant city. During the evening the following address was read, and they were presented with a silver tea set, and a dozen silver knives and forks. The following is the address:—
To MR. AND MRS. R. E. REED,
Dear Friends,

Having learned with regret that you are about to depart from our midst to return to your former home in Detroit, we your friends and neighbors feel that we cannot allow you to leave us without meeting once more together to spend a social evening and to bid you adieu.

To say that we regret your going, and that we shall miss you from our midst is but a mild expression of our feelings, for although in recent years you have not been long with us, yet those few years have sufficed to win you many warm friends; while your kindness, hospitality and sympathy in time of trouble have made those of us who know you best appreciate and value your friendship.

And now in parting, we ask you to accept these gifts, not for any special value but merely as a slight token of the high regard and esteem in which you are held. And in the years to come may it remind you of your friends in Rawdon. And may God's blessing follow you and your family in your future home.

Signed on behalf of your friends and neighbors,

JOHN SNARR
HARRY FANNING
HOBEN SNARR
BLANCHE FANNING.

Wellman's Corners, Ont., Dec. 8rd, 1910.

To the Editor of the News-Argus.

Dear Sir,

We desire through the columns of your paper to thank all our friends and neighbors who so liberally contributed to the beautiful and useful gifts, presented to us, and regret that they were deterred through obvious reasons from being present at our home the evening of their presentation. Wishing all health and prosperity in the years to come, we remain,

Yours in true friendship,
MR. AND MRS. R. E. REED.

The Census Bureau unofficially estimates the population of the United States to be 100,000,000.

The main estimates for the next fiscal year were presented to the House of Commons on Friday. The total amount which Parliament is asked to vote, on both revenue and capital accounts is \$138,863,200, a large increase over the total vote of last session.

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FORTUNE FAVORS THE BRAVE; OR, A LOOK INTO THE PAST

CHAPTER I.

"Good-night, Nancy; pull that woollen thing close about your throat, child; the wind is dead east to-night."

"Good-night, Dr. Grantley," answered the girl, with a weary sigh, as she took the parcel of books held out to her and turned to go. "I will give Uncle Henry your message."

Dr. Grantley frowned slightly as soon as he was alone.

"I wish to Heaven I could do something to alter that child's life. She is in her wrong groove altogether, and it is slowly but surely killing her."

And Nancy Hamilton, going slowly home through the crowded streets, was thinking over bitterly to herself the conversation she had just had with the good, cheery old doctor, the only friend she possessed in the whole wide world.

"Speak to Uncle Henry," she mused, wearily. "How easy it sounds, and yet it is not to be done. Why should I complain to him; poor man! is not his life as hard as mine? And then I must never, never forget what he has done for me. Kept, fed me, clothed me, given me deep, true love, and all against Aunt Matilda."

Nancy shivered slightly. "Aunt Matilda," she repeated—she pressed one hand over her hot, tired eyes—it is wrong to hate her! Can I help hating her? The girl cried, bitterly, to herself. "She is not fit to wipe away the dust from dear Uncle Henry's shoes, and yet she orders him and commands him as if he were an animal and a slave; he is so weak, poor dear; he has no courage, no spirit; yet, Nancy declared, boldly and stanchly, 'I love him with all his weakness; he is a good, true, honest gentleman. I am proud to own him despite everything.'"

She drew the old scarf more closely round her with a shiver born of fatigue as much as cold.

"If only my mother had lived," she mused on sorrowfully. "Dr. Grantley is very kind, but he does not quite understand all I feel; bad, wretched, miserable as this life is, I would sooner cling to it—I would sooner starve than write to my father's people. How can I ever forget that they disowned my mother when she came back from India a broken-hearted widow to ask for help!"

"Was it a crime to have married my father secretly and against their wishes? Yet because she was poor, and had gone against their wishes, they left her to die and me to starve. No—no, if my father's people ever want me they must look me, not I them. Yes, on that point I am resolved, whatever comes!"

She sighed a sharp, deep sigh. "It's all very dark and dreary, and it's awful to live knowing that Aunt Matilda hates me; but there is one joy given to me. Uncle Henry loves me; he can't help me or protect me from insult and drudgery, still he loves me, poor uncle."

Two hot, large tears stole slowly down Nancy's pale cheeks and dropped onto the old plaid wrap that was folded round her. She hugged the books she held closer to her with a nervous gesture, which betokened that some new and painful thought had come to oppress and trouble her.

"I could almost grow content," she mused on, "or, at least, try to make myself so, if Aunt Matilda would only meet me halfway; but she grows worse and worse, and since Mr. Moss—ah!"—the girl murmured, suddenly—"I hate that man! I—I am afraid of him. Sometimes I feel as if against myself he will carry out his awful threat and marry me—marry me!"

Involuntarily Nancy stopped, a cold shudder ran through her. "I feel so powerless against him, and there is one to help me, Aunt Matilda encourages him; she thinks him too good for me; she would only laugh, and turn things into ridicule if I were to ask her to protect me from Thomas Moss." She moved slowly on, but she was trembling now in every limb.

She was drawing near to her home. Down at the bottom of the narrow street she could see the flaming gas jet outside the small grocer's shop where she lived. Nancy stopped suddenly, a man was standing by the door; he was glancing eagerly up and down the street. Nancy knew for whom he was looking. It was Thomas Moss—looking for her.

Without hesitation she turned aside and walked rapidly into a by-street. "Of course, Aunt Matilda will rage at me, but better that than a meeting with this man! His persistency is horrible. Can't he see that I hate him! I will not go in until I think he has gone; he can't surely stay long!"

She knew only too well the sort of greeting to expect when she did return.

Mrs. Chaplin was not likely to spare her, but anything was better than to have to listen to protestations of love from such a man as Thomas Moss. There were girls in the street, neighbors, but not her companions, who envied her handsome young fellow for a lover.

As to Mrs. Chaplin, she considered it an honor that her husband's niece should be "courted," to use her own terms, by the foreman of the large timber yard close by.

Thomas Moss was a man after Matilda Chaplin's own heart; he had worked himself into his present position by sheer industry, for he had neither kith nor kin, to his knowledge, to help him with money or advice; she considered Nancy, in fact, many degrees his inferior. The penniless child of an English officer and a clergyman's daughter was but a very poor thing in her eyes. If Nancy's parents had been so grand, she informed her husband over and over again, they might have left their girl provided for, and not thrown her on the hands of poor, hard-working people like she (Mrs. Chaplin) was.

It was a never-ending grievance with her, this adoption of his niece by Henry Chaplin. Yes, Nancy knew well that she was regarded enviously, and disliked cordially, by the young ladies who admired Thomas Moss, and aspired to the honor of being his chosen wife; and for her part our heroine would most gladly have renounced him to any, or all of them, for, though she respected the man for his industry and perseverance, she despised his mean, sordid, cruel nature, and hated him for his persistency in declaring love for herself.

She walked as quickly as she could down the side street.

She was very tired, but she seemed to grow easier away from the shop and that form. Suddenly, however, she felt her arm touched, and, turning with a start, she found herself followed and caught by the very man she was hurrying away from.

She shrank back so quickly that Moss could not fail to see it.

"Your aunt's looking for you, Nancy," he said. "I've been watching for you, and I saw you turn down here; what did you do it for? Don't you get into enough rows as it is! And you know it ain't quite proper for you to be out at this time of night alone."

Nancy's lips were trembling.

"I prefer to be alone, Mr. Moss," she said, nervously, yet with pride and determination.

"That means," he replied, rather huskily, "that you don't want me, don't it, Nancy?"

"You know very well that I do not want you, either now or at any other time," she said, in low, clear tones.

Unconsciously she had commenced to walk on again, and her feet hurried, but Moss kept pace with her.

"Take care, Nancy, take care," he muttered, in a voice heavy with anger and threat. "I'm not going to stand this much longer—you're going too far. Didn't I tell you last night that you can't fight against me? I am too strong for you, Nancy. You'll have to give in in the end. Why won't you be more sensible! All the people in the neighborhood know what's going on, and that you are going to be my wife. I—"

"How—how dare you talk to me like this?" flashed out poor Nancy, almost distraught at his words. "I will never, never marry you. I will appeal to my uncle; he—he will help me."

"Your uncle?" Moss laughed. "Why, the old man will only be too glad to be rid of you, and see you in a home of your own. It's common-sense, my dear girl. The shop isn't paying, and you, pretty though you are, ain't kept for nothing. Your uncle, indeed! Why, he couldn't protect a fly!"

"Oh! you are a coward!" Nancy said, in deep, passionate tones, "you know that my uncle loves me. I hate you more even than I did before. I tell you again I will never be your wife. Don't you understand? I hate you! Oh, if I could only tell you how much I hate you, Thomas Moss!"

A smothered execration broke from the man's lips. This girl's indifference, her contempt, her openly-expressed hatred, lashed his passion to fury.

He was not even scratched. The blow had been magnificently given, stunning him for a moment and felling him like an ox.

"Look here, you coward!" said the stranger, firmly; "don't try any more of your tricks on defenceless girls again, or it may go hard with you next time."

And with that he turned on his heel and went on his way.

(To be continued.)

CRIPPLED BY RHEUMATISM CURED BY "FRUIT-A-TIVES"

Vancouver, B.C., Feb. 1st, 1910.

I am well acquainted with a man, known to thousands in Vancouver, Victoria and New Westminster, who for nearly a year was practically a cripple from rheumatism. He was so troubled with the disease that he found it difficult to even turn over in bed. His heart appeared so weak that he could hardly get up stairs. Last June, he received a sample of "Fruit-a-tives." He used them and dates his recovery from that time. Today there is no other man in Vancouver enjoying better health. He was building a house this fall and slungled a good part of the roof in a driving rain storm without suffering any bad effects.

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They had neared a quiet corner, across one end of which ran a broader street leading to a more fashionable quarter. Putting out his strong hand, Moss gripped Nancy's arm, and drew her back against the wall.

"I've stood enough for one night," he said, in ominously quiet tones. "Hate me as much as you like, Nancy, you won't alter me. I love you, my girl—love you! You've nearly driven me mad, and I ain't one to stand being fooled for nothing."

His heart tightened on her arm, her heart beat with fear and some indescribable feeling crowded into it. Suddenly he exclaimed:

"Every one sees my love for you, Nancy, and I've come to the end of my patience. You belong to me, and I'm going to keep what's mine!"

He flung his arm round her, and she uttered a sharp little cry.

A man in a loose overcoat, with a deep fur collar, was passing at that moment, and the girl's voice, with its vibrations of pain and despair, came to his ears.

Unconsciously he stopped, though the January wind was whistling bitterly round him in a shrill, unpleasant way.

Moss drew the girl closer to him. "I tell you I'll better you, Nancy; and you belong to me. You shall belong to me!"

With a sudden gesture, he bent his lips to hers.

Nancy gave another cry, even more despairing than the last. "Let me go! Oh! let me go!"

And then a most astonishing thing happened. She left Thomas Moss's arm turn from her, was conscious of a noise and a scuffle, and then realized that she was staring down at his prostrate body, while a voice said—

"Don't be afraid. He won't insult you again, I fancy; at least, not just yet."

"Is—he hurt?" breathed Nancy, trembling in every limb, and she lifted her eyes to the man beside her.

She could not see his face, but the light of the nearest lamp fell on hers, and revealed all its pathetic sweetness and beauty, making her glorious eyes seem even more magnificent.

Her protector gazed at her in astonishment and admiration.

It was strange, indeed, to meet so beautiful a face in such a neighborhood. His wrath against Moss grew redoubled as he gazed; he had simply rushed to Nancy's aid with all an Englishman's impetuous sympathy for a defenceless woman. Had she been old and decrepit he would have acted just the same; but he felt now a decided longing to give Moss a good thrashing as he looked on the childish young face uplifted to him, eloquent with agitation and distress.

"I would serve him right if he were," he answered, hurriedly, as he picked up her books scattered in the fracas. "Such brutes are a pest on the earth. I am sorry you have been so frightened. Can I do anything more?"

Nancy shook her head. "I must go home," she faltered. "Thank you—oh, thank you for your kindness! I—I do not often get any—I am grateful."

And drawing the old plaid about her closely, Nancy Hamilton turned and walked quickly away.

The man stood staring after her, and he felt a curious sensation thrilling at his heart.

"Poor little thing!" he said; and then he turned to Moss, who was just trying to push himself to his feet in a bewildered manner.

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On the Farm

SOURCE OF WEALTH.

Who is most interested in a good crop and a sure crop? The farmer, the manufacturer, the railroad man, merchant, or the banker? The more the problem is studied the more it looks as though the farmer is the best fixed to stand a poor crop, and that it hurts the others more. The farmer loses less sleep over it than any of the others and proportionately fewer farmers fail than any of the other lines of business mentioned, in a time of poor crops. The farmer can get his living from the farm, can reduce expenses and economize in a way that the others cannot. From this it is plain that it is of vital interest to all that good crops be a sure thing for each year, and of these industries which has really grown out of the farm, ought to put forth their best effort to see that the farmer handles his farm according to the best that we know of farming.

A most wonderful change has been brought about in the last two generations. Then nearly everybody lived on the land. Now less than one half of the people get their living directly from the soil, and the others are in one sense working for the people who live on the soil. They make machinery. They make clothes. They build railroads to transport these grains to the factory and other products back to the farm. So that while industry has developed into this complicated system, the farm remains at the foundation of it, and as this development goes on it becomes more and more necessary that the soil shall be made to produce up to its capacity.

A vast fund of information has been worked out during the last sixty years on how to manage farms and institutions are now at work digging out more of this kind of information. Other institutions are at work giving this to the farmer and these need every support, as the products of the soil are going to depend upon how much of this information gets to the farmer and is put to work, and as we have said before all lines of industry are conditioned on the amount of crops produced so that such institutions as experiment stations, agricultural colleges, farmers' institutes, and the extension departments, are advancing farming as fast as their means will allow; and in advancing farming they advance all forms of industry. So that they might in one sense be called "the prosperity makers of the nation."

The wise men have realized that and support these institutions from the national treasury to some extent, but do not furnish sufficient funds for them to develop to their full capacity, so that they have been left partly dependent upon the state. The railroads are anxious for more traffic and they realize the agencies that bring it about. They were the first one to furnish money to run demonstration trains. The Great Northern Railroad at one time gave away large numbers of pure-bred cattle and hogs that the farmers along their railroad could produce a higher quality of stock that would give them a larger return for the feed that they fed them. In all these cases it was a business proposition with the railroad to increase the traffic along its lines.

It is well to stop and consider the great developments that have taken place and the new duties that this devolves on us, and also to consider what it is necessary to do in order to have this development go on and in order to bring it to its highest perfection.—Hoard's Dairyman.

PIG POINTERS.

Serenity, undisturbed by fretful restlessness, are characteristics of a good brood sow. Any breeder of experience will know just what is meant when it is said that a sow is "motherly," but the exact meaning is difficult to set down in words. The maternal manifestation has an important bearing on success with a litter and the dam's promise in this regard should have weight in her purchase. In making selections the teats should be examined to discover that there are a dozen, well formed, not too small or obscure, and giving indications of supplying abundant milk.

The boar of eight months or older will do better if kept by himself; as least, he should not be where sows or gets may arouse him. He should be kept in a comfortable pen with a lot of pasture adjoining, and supplied with a variety of nutritious food, which means something more than dry corn with an occasional drink of diluted dishwater. The permanent quarters should be provided with a view to furnish sunlight, exercise, dry warmth, and cleanliness. These should be so located that the sow may be conveniently brought to him for services, a large pen is not needed—10 feet square will do—but a yard and pasture should each be adjacent.



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MAPLEINE

CHINESE LIFE PICTURED

POPPY GROWERS KEEP MAN-
DARINS IN FEAR.

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Fishes—Pavements Stolen
For Pigeons.

For five days journey from Peking in Shensi to Hwachow in Shensi one notes a strain of Greek beauty and grace in the population. Several times a day the eye lights on a boy or youth who would serve as a model for Ganymede or Eurydice. With Hwachow the type vanishes and the squat, knobby faced, dull complexioned Mongol dominates till we come out into the valley of the Han, says a letter to the Japan Advertiser of Tokio from Prof. Ross describing his travels through Shensi.

With the coarse and ugly cast of features of central Shensi goes a stupidity that exceeds anything I have ever experienced among American negroes. You ask a peasant, "How far is it, to Paoki?" You repeat the question twice and you have not even stirred his attention. After your third asking he is sufficiently waked up to repeat, "Paoki?" in a considering way. The fourth time he catches the idea of "How far?" The fifth asking may enable him to connect the ideas "Paoki?" "How far?" and

HIS FACE LIGHTS UP

with comprehension. Often, however, no amount of questioning elicits anything more than grunts and "Ohs!" Dullest of all were the Kanush reapers, returning north to their province after the harvest. This oxlike slowness of mental processes may be due to hereditary deficiency, to lack of stimulation, or which is more likely, to the benumbing of the faculties by opium smoking.

For Shensi is one of the worst of the provinces in this respect, and the women are worse than the men. It is estimated that nine out of ten women over 40 smoke. Beyond Wukung poppy fields began to appear, and south from Fengshiang we passed hundreds of them. About the capital it has come to be disputable to grow the poppy. It is planted in small patches in out of the way places, and sometimes the leaves and flowers are cut off so it cannot be recognized at a distance.

The poppy is by far the best paying crop, and when interfered with the farmers are near to rebelling. Two stages west of Sianfu the district magistrate went out in April with a few soldiers to destroy the poppy. The farmers rallied him with their forks and sickles and he had to

FLEE FOR HIS LIFE.

In Kansuh the mandarins stand in fear of their fierce Mohammedan subjects and the poppy is grown in the old way. Still the reductions in poppy acreage in Shensi has been 70 or 80 per cent., and the enormous crop of wheat raised in this first year of poppy prohibition will aid next year's efforts.

In all directions one notes how the people stand in their own light by neglecting to protect common interests from the encroachment of individuals. The roadside ditches are bailed out to get little fishes of a finger's length, because what one does not take another will. Each bunch of wild strawberries being picked as soon as one berry turns red, most of the wild berries come to the market unripe and not fit to eat. After a rain the great road Tungkwan to Sianfu is a canal from which the water has no exit. The mule muscle wasted during the week in pulling carts through the quagmire would repair the road for a year. For a furlong or more on each side of a village the stone paved road over Tienhsia Pass has been ruined by the villagers stealing the stones for their stoves and pigpens. Such is the natural and inevitable result of letting private interests have full scope or doing nothing to protect public interests.

THE CONDITION OF WOMEN

In central Shensi is deplorable, but is quite what is to be expected when the male sex takes upon itself to shape not only its own standards and life but also those of women. Little girls of nine years shrink away into the interior of the house if your gaze lights on them for a moment. It would not be proper to be looked at by a man. All the women who are not old

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vanish into their apartments like frightened birds when a man heaves in sight. The traveller might easily suppose that the females of 10 to 25 years had been carried off by a plague, so rarely does he see one of them. Never does a woman travel unless she belongs to an official changing his residence.

The women of the common people probably get not a mile from home in the course of their lives. Their feet are very tightly bound, so much so that in Kansuh the housewife crawls about her home on her knees. The result is that, crippled in feet, crushed by conventional restrictions and regarded with contempt, she shows none of the homelike instinct that in western countries brightens even the log hut of the mountain backwoodsman with crazy quilts, tidies and old newspapers scissored into patterns and pasted round the clock shelf or over the windows. There is no effort to adorn, no bit of white or color, no sign of woman's hand. There is not even a family meal, but each fills his bowl and stands or lounges about eating when he pleases.

A MONKEY STORY.

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Strange Things Happen.

As a party of work girls came out of a dressmaker's shop in the Rue Boileau in Paris, the other day, an arm encircled the waist of one of them.

The girl protested indignantly. The too gallant intruder was well dressed in a frock coat, grey trousers, top hat, patent leather boots, and wore smart gray suede gloves. But he was a hideous looking person.

The girls began making fun of him, when suddenly he caught hold of one of them and put his face close to hers. She boxed his ears, and he dropped on all fours and bit her leg.

There was a panic. The girls rushed off shrieking, and two policemen arrested the aggressor. The creature was a chimpanzee, the pet of an explorer living near at hand. He was captured after a struggle and taken to the police station, where he spent the night.

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Perhaps the golden rule means a cubic deal as well as a square one.

The pity felt by some depends on whether the purse is left at home.

Some fear they have no piety unless it is in a pathological condition.

History depends not on great leaders alone but on many lesser followers.

We possess no truth other than that we work out of life for ourselves.

It's hard work to lie about your religion and be honest in your business.

You cannot make whipped cream by lashing up a skimmed milk serum.

A good cure for pretended moral lameness may be a genuine physical kick.

Holiness is gladly to say "I will!" before the divine law says "Thou shalt."

Our poverty is more likely to be due to the good we miss rather than the goods we lose.

As a matter of fact, the majority of people would like to be honest.

How would you feel to find the assessor's book waiting you at the judgment?

The man who is pious to win heaven would be the opposite if it seemed to pay better.

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One Hundred and Thirty-nine Million
Dollars Looked For

A despatch from Ottawa says: The main estimates for the next fiscal year, ending March 31, 1912, which were tabled in the House on Friday, provide for expenditures amounting to \$138,863,200, of which \$38,180,200 are to be spent under the provisions of various statutes. The sum to be voted for the year is \$10,682,330, as compared with \$10,468,173 called for in the main estimates for 1910-11. For the naval service the appropriation asked is \$3,831,500, as compared with \$3,676,500 in the previous year. Of the vote, \$3,000,000 is for the purchase and maintenance of ships, the upkeep of dockyards at Halifax and Esquimaux, and the establishment of training schools. To meet the cost of taking the decennial census \$1,000,000 will be appropriated. For the preliminary work in 1910-11 \$50,000 has already been provided. For the annual drill of the militia \$1,325,000 will be voted in-

stead of \$1,175,000 as in 1910-11, and a new appropriation of \$50,000 is to be made for paying instructors, expenses of teachers qualifying at military schools and for the purchase of equipment of cadet corps. For the National Transcontinental \$27,000,000 will be voted, the same amount as for 1910-11, and for the construction of the Quebec bridge \$2,000,000, of which \$500,000 was voted last session, but not expended.

That the Government has still some idea of carrying out the plan of a canal from Edmonton to Winnipeg by the Saskatchewan River is indicated by the fact that the surveys begun last year are continued, and the appropriation increased from \$10,000 to \$25,000.

Votes are asked for two new monuments. For a memorial to the late King Edward \$20,000 will be voted and for one to Madeleine de Vercheres, to be erected at Vercheres, \$15,000 will be provided.

BAN ON HATPINS.

Proposed Law in Philadelphia Imposes \$50 Fine.

A despatch from Philadelphia says: In an effort to curtail the long hatpin used in this city an ordinance was introduced in Council on Friday providing that no person upon the public streets or on conveyances shall be permitted to wear a hatpin the exposed point of which extends more than one-half inch beyond the crown of the hat. A fine of \$50 for each and every offence is provided for in the proposed ordinance. Councilman Schumucker declared that the lives of riders on crowded streets are imperiled by the long hatpins.

SOME DISEASES DECREASE.

Report of Provincial Board of Health for Week.

A despatch from Toronto says: According to the report issued on Friday by the Provincial Board of Health, the weekly returns of contagious diseases totalled 1,077 from 709 municipalities. The returns show 1,077 cases and 181 deaths for the month, as compared with 1,292 cases and 248 deaths in November, 1909. The cases are apportioned as follows:—Infantile paralysis 21, cerebro-spinal meningitis 5, smallpox 28, scarlet fever 240, diphtheria 224, measles 65, whooping cough 23, typhoid fever 266 and tuberculosis 105.

RELATIVE RESPONSIBILITY.

In the Protection of Level Railway Crossings.

A despatch from Montreal says: Chairman Mabey of the railway commission spoke out on Friday with no uncertain sound as to the relative responsibility as to level crossings. The chairman said it would be absolutely ruin to saddle the companies with the whole cost of safety appliances, and that the municipalities will have to pay

their share. In fact, it was no use for them to try to get out of this responsibility. It would be decided, concluded the chairman, whether a third is too much for the municipalities to pay.

FOR THE CORONATION.

A Representative Contingent of Canadian Militia.

A despatch from Ottawa says: The Militia Council has now under consideration the question of sending a representative contingent of the Canadian Militia to participate in the coronation ceremonies in London next June. It is probable that a composite regiment of about 200 will be sent, embracing each arm of the service and drawn from each Province. There will also be a detachment of the Northwest Mounted Police.

\$5,000 DAMAGES.

Verdict Was Rendered Against Montreal Street Railway

A despatch from Montreal says: Ex-Mayor Joseph Allan, of Verdun, received a verdict in his favor on Friday evening for \$5,500 in a damage action which he took for \$10,000 against the Montreal Street Railway for injuries sustained in a collision.

GREAT FLOODS IN SPAIN.

Cave-in of Tunnel Kills Several on a Train.

A despatch from Madrid says: The heavy rains prevailing in the Province of Lugo have resulted in considerable damage to property. A cave-in occurred in a tunnel on the Ribadesa Railway, while a mining train was passing through it. Several of those on the train were killed and many were injured. The rivers throughout the province have overflowed their banks. At Monforte many houses have been inundated and their occupants driven out without shelter.

ADMITS MURDER AT INQUEST

Alberta Man Confesses to Killing Another
Near Denbow East

A despatch from Calgary says: The inquest on the remains of a man found in Bow River, near Denbow East, on June 29 last, terminated tragically on Wednesday at Okotoks, when Thomas Mitchell Robertson confessed to having shot and killed Tucker Peach, at the same time implicating John Fisk as accomplice. The body when found was headless, but the head was found a couple of weeks ago

and the body exhumed and identified. The police had been watching Robertson, who was a brakeman on the C. P. R., running between Field and Medicine Hat. Peach disappeared since last May, and Robertson claimed to have purchased his ranch. The head was identified by cotton wool in the ear sockets. Robertson broke down while on the stand at the inquest. The police have left for Carbon to arrest Fisk.

CONDENSED NEWS ITEMS

HAPPENINGS FROM ALL OVER THE GLOBE.

Telegraphic Briefs From Our Own and Other Countries of Recent Events.

CANADA.

The Ontario Government will check the wild-cat speculation in Porcupine properties.

Four Canadian boats have been granted an extension of their insurance for late fall traffic.

A quarter of a million dollars is to be spent in improving the Montreal postoffice.

The co-operative furniture enterprise at Guelph has been organized.

Kingston is heading a movement for municipal power in eastern Ontario.

The big grain fleet left Fort William in time to save its insurance premium.

The Cabinet has commuted the death sentence of Robert Parker, a prisoner at Belleville, to life imprisonment.

The city of London's offer of \$100,000 for the London Electric Company's plant will be laid before a general meeting of the company.

John Smith was drowned in Lake Winnipeg, he and a companion, with a dog-train, going through the ice. The other man was rescued.

Mr. Peter Murdoch of Bowmanville was attacked by two highwaymen on Friday, robbed, knocked down and kicked in the head.

The railway trainmen and conductors have a delegation at Montreal at present, but the Grand Trunk officials profess ignorance as to the object of their visit.

Leslie Moffat was run into by a train at a crossing near Hamilton, on Thursday, and had his shoulder blade splintered. Both of his horses were killed and the wagon smashed.

The application of the Grand Trunk to expropriate the cemetery where the victims of ship cholera are interred at Montreal will be opposed before the Railway Commission by the Irish societies of the city.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Winston Churchill was attacked while at Colchester.

UNITED STATES.

United States steel corporations have decided to maintain present quotations.

A general reduction in rates of Pullman berths has been made in the United States.

Dr. Cook, the Arctic explorer, has written a confession of his failure to reach the Pole.

Forty-six accidents and twenty deaths are reported as result of deer-hunting in the States.

The Census Bureau unofficially estimates the population of the United States to be 100,000,000.

Grahame-White, the British aviator, has sailed from America for home with \$100,000 in prizes.

GENERAL.

Canadians and Americans in vicinity of outbreak in Mexico are short of food.

The inauguration of President Diaz took place on Thursday without any disturbance.

The Italian Foreign Minister denies that modification of triple alliance has been discussed.

A revolt has broken out in Macao, China, and the Portuguese troops demand expulsion of the religious orders.

Exploring the Antarctic.

German Expedition to Start Next Spring Under Lieut. Filcher.

A despatch from Berlin says: Lieut. Wilhelm Filcher of the general staff of the army and leader of the projected German Antarctic expedition, says that \$175,000 has been contributed toward the enterprise, and that he is arranging to sail next spring.

A Norwegian sailing vessel is being overhauled for the use of the explorers and the officers and crew are being chosen. Lieut. Filcher will push forward as far as possible in the Weddell Sea before the winter of 1911 sets in, when he will establish a base for further operations.

FIVE YEARS FOR MURPHY.

Banque Nationale Will Get Back Some of Stolen Money.

A despatch from Quebec says: Frank Murphy, arrested in connection with the robbery of the Banque Nationale at St. Pacome, was sentenced to five years in penitentiary on Wednesday morning in the Court of Sessions. When arrested Murphy had in his possession \$1,492.73, which was confiscated and will be remitted to the Banque Nationale. Some \$4,000 was stolen. Murphy had two companions, and they escaped probably with the rest of the plunder in their possession.

THE WORLD'S MARKETS

REPORTS FROM THE LEADING TRADE CENTRES.

Prices of Cattle, Grain, Cheese and Other Dairy Produce at Home and Abroad.

BREADSTUFFS.

Toronto, Dec. 6.—Flour—Winter wheat 90 per cent. patents, \$3.40 to \$3.45 outside, in buyers' sacks. Manitoba flours—First patents, \$5.40; second patents, \$4.90, and strong bakers', \$4.70, on track, Toronto.

Manitoba Wheat—No. 1 Northern, 97½¢, Bay ports; No. 2 Northern, 95½¢, Bay ports, and No. 3 at 92½¢, Bay ports.

Ontario Wheat—81½ to 85¢ outside for No. 2 white and red winter.

Barley—56 to 58¢ outside, and feed 48 to 49¢ outside.

Oats—No. 2 white, 36¢, on track, Toronto, and at 33¢ outside. No. 2 W. C. oats, 37½¢, Bay ports, and No. 3 at 36½¢, Bay ports.

Corn—Old No. 2 at 59½ to 60¢, Toronto freights. New No. 2 American, 53½ to 54¢, prompt delivery, and 50½ to 51¢, December delivery, Toronto freights.

Peas—Good No. 2, free from bugs, 84 to 85¢ outside.

Rye—No. 2 at 61 to 62¢ outside.

Buckwheat—No. 2 at 47¢ outside.

Bran—Manitobas, \$19, in bags, Toronto, and shorts \$21, in bags, Toronto. Ontario bran, \$19.50, in sacks, Toronto, and shorts, \$22.50, in sacks.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Apples—Spys, \$4.50 to \$5.50; Baldwins, \$4 to \$4.75; Greenings, \$4 to \$4.50; No. 2 assorted, \$3.50 per barrel.

Beans—Car lots, \$1.60 to \$1.70, and small lots, \$1.80 to \$1.90.

Honey—Extracted, in tins, 10 to 11¢ per lb.; No. 1 comb, wholesale, \$2 to \$2.25 per dozen; No. 2 comb, wholesale, \$1.75 to \$1.85 per dozen.

Baled Hay—No. 1 at \$12.50 to \$13.50 on track, and No. 2 at \$10 to \$11.

Baled Straw—\$6.50 to \$7, on track, Toronto.

Potatoes—Car lots 65 to 70¢ per bag.

Poultry—The receipts are fairly liberal. Wholesale prices of dressed poultry—Chickens, 12 to 12½¢ per lb.; fowl, 9 to 10¢ per lb.; ducks 13 to 14¢ per lb.; turkeys, 17 to 18¢ per lb., and geese, 12¢ per lb. Live, 1 to 2¢ less.

THE DAIRY MARKETS.

Butter—Dairy prints, 22 to 23¢; do., tubs, 21 to 22¢; inferior, 18 to 19¢. Creamery, 26½ to 27¢ per lb. for rolls, 24½ to 25¢ for solids, and 23 to 24¢ for separator prints.

Eggs—Case lots of pickled, 28 to 27¢; cold storage, 26 to 27¢; selected, 30 to 31¢, and strictly new-laid, 35 to 37¢ per dozen.

Cheese—Large, 12½¢, and twins at 12½¢.

HOG PRODUCTS.

Bacon—Long clear, 13 to 13½¢ per lb. in case lots; mess pork, \$24 to \$24.50; short cut, \$26 to \$26.50.

Hams—Light to medium, 16 to 16½¢; do., heavy, 15 to 15½¢; rolls, 12½ to 13¢; shoulders, 12¢; breakfast bacon, 18 to 18½¢; backs (pea meal), 19 to 19½¢.

Lard—Tierces, 13½¢; tubs, 14¢; pails, 14½¢.

BUSINESS IN MONTREAL.

Montreal, Dec. 6.—Oats—No. 2 Canadian Western, 38½ to 39½¢; extra No. 1 feed, 38½ to 39¢; No. 3 Canadian Western, 38½ to 39½¢; No. 2 local white, 38½¢; No. 3 local white, 37½¢; No. 4 local white, 37 to 37½¢; Manitoba barley, No. 4, 48 to 48½¢; Manitoba feed barley, 47 to 47½¢.

Flour—Manitoba spring wheat patents, seconds, \$5.10; winter wheat patents, \$4.75 to \$5; Manitoba strong bakers, \$4.90; straight rollers, \$4.35 to \$4.50; straight rollers, in bags, \$2 to \$2.05; extras, \$1.65 to \$1.75. Feed—Ontario bran, \$18.50 to \$19; Ontario middling, \$22 to \$22.50; Manitoba shorts, \$21; Manitoba bran, \$18; pure grain moullie, \$31 to \$32; mixed moullie, \$25 to \$28.

Cheese—Westerns, 11.5 to 11½¢, and easterns, 11.1 to 11½¢. Butter—Choicest fall make, 25 to 25½¢, and seconds, 24½ to 25¢. Eggs—Selected stock, 29 to 30¢; No. 1 stock at 25 to 26¢, and No. 2 at 19 to 20¢.

UNITED STATES MARKETS.

Buffalo, Dec. 6.—Spring wheat higher; No. 1 Northern, carloads store, \$1.12½; Winter, No. 2 red, 95¢; No. 3 extra red, 91¢; No. 2 white, 93¢; No. 2 mixed, 92¢. Corn—No. 3 yellow, 57½¢; No. 4 yellow, 56½¢; No. 3 corn, 56¢; No. 4 corn, 55¢, all on track, through billed.

Oats—No. 2 white, 36½¢; No. 3 white, 36¢; No. 4 white, 35¢. Barley—Malt, \$1 to \$1.60.

Minneapolis, Dec. 6.—Wheat—No. 1 hard, cash, \$1.05½; No. 1 Northern, cash, \$1.03½; December, \$1.01½; May, \$1.05½.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

Montreal, Dec. 6.—Hogs brought

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FOREIGN-BORN CONVICTS

Twenty-five Per Cent. Constitute the Penitentiaries' Population

A despatch from Ottawa says:

The report of the penitentiaries branch of the department of justice, tabled in the commons on Thursday by Hon. A. B. Aylesworth, gives the average daily population of the Canadian penitentiaries during the last fiscal year as 1824, as compared with 1625 in the previous year, and 1407 a decade ago. Tables are submitted to show that of the 1859 convicts who constitute the penitentiaries population of the Dominion, 1392 were born in Canada, Great Britain, or other British countries.

Canada heads the list with 1071, the other countries ranking as follows: England 208, Ireland 59, Scotland 39, other countries 24. Of the foreign-born inmates of the penitentiaries, 184 were born in the United States, 98 in Italy, 36 in Austria, 36 in Russia, 32 in Germany, 23 in France, 13 in China, and 45 in other countries.

While the number of foreign-born convicts generally has increased from 14 per cent. in 1900, to 25 per cent. in 1910, those born in the United States have increased less than 2 per cent., and still constitute less than 10 per cent. of the penitentiaries' population.

The creeds of the penitentiaries inmates are given as follows: Roman Catholic 931, Church of England 344, Methodist 199, Presbyterian 183, Baptist 72, Lutheran 51, other denominations 21, Buddhist 17, Hebrew 17, Unitarian 2, no creed 22.

The report of the parole officers show that 286 paroles and 17 pardons were granted during the year, as compared with 244 paroles and 14 pardons granted in the previous year. It is observed by the parole officer that the result of the parole system continues to be satisfactory.

In this connection the opinion is expressed that the time has arrived when the oversight by the Dominion parole officer should be restricted to those released from federal institutions. Some of the western provinces have already appointed parole officers to look after the interests of prisoners released from provincial jails and reformatories, and the view is taken that it would be but right for the eastern provinces to undertake the supervision of its prisoners.

The gross expenditure on penitentiaries for the year was \$536,325 and the net revenue was \$45,636.

from \$7.25 to \$7.40 a cwt.; steers, 4 to 5½¢; cows, 3½¢ to 4¢; bulls, 3.1 to 3½¢; sheep, 4½¢; lambs, \$6 to \$6.10, and calves, \$4 to \$9.

Toronto, Dec. 6.—Some bulls were bought at \$5 per cwt.; butcher cattle, best heifers about \$5.85 a cwt.; general run, \$5 to \$5.50; common, \$4.50 to \$4.90; medium cows to good cows, all the way from \$3.50 to \$5; bulls, 3.50 to \$4.80. Short-cut feeders \$5.15 to \$5.25; good feeders at \$4.70 to \$4.90, and stockers at \$4 to \$4.65. Milch cows and springers \$65 up. Sheep ewes were quoted at \$4.50 to \$4.60, and rams at \$3 to \$3.50. Hogs selected, fed and watered at the market, were \$6.85 a cwt., the most representative value, and \$6.50 f.o.b. at country points.

FOR MOUNTAIN GRADES.

C. P. R. Orders Five More New Type Locomotives to be Built.

A despatch from Montreal says: The huge 130-ton locomotive recently built at the Angus shops as an experimental "pusher" on the heavy grades on the Rocky Mountains has proved such a success that the C. P. R. management has ordered five more locomotives of the

FISHING FLEET DISASTER.

Supposed Loss of Fifteen Fishermen Off Charleston.

A despatch from Charleston, South Carolina, says: Fifteen fishermen are supposed to have been drowned off Charleston, their smacks having been missing for several days. A report says a smack was sighted floating bottom up on Wednesday.

FARMER BURNED TO DEATH.

Prince Edward County Man Perished When Barn Took Fire.

A despatch from Picton says: A wealthy farmer, Philip C. Dulmage, a bachelor, of Cherry Valley, five miles from here, was burned to death in his barn early on Thursday morning, along with a number of cattle, horses and the season's crop. Deceased was about 60 years of age.

PORCUPINE MINE IS SOLD

Said to Be Very Rich, and the Sale Has Stimulated Other Owners

A despatch from Cobalt says:

One of the biggest of recent Porcupine deals was consummated here on Thursday. Mr. Thomas Reilly sold the Gode-Burns group of claims in Shaw township to buyers representing strong Toronto financial interests, although the purchasers' names have not been disclosed. The price, which was close to one hundred thousand dollars, is spread over a period of ten months. Unusual local interest attaches to this deal. About three months ago the discoveries were made known, and

considerable attention has since been given to Shaw, Langmuir, DeLoro and other townships in the reserve, stimulated through the Gode-Burns finds, in which a dyke some fifty feet in width is shown with rich vein matter, with free gold some three feet in width. Thomas Burns was formerly employed at the Buffalo mine, while the George Gode was an orderly at the mines hospital, and they decided to try prospecting, with the result of a sale at one hundred thousand dollars the first year in spite of their lack of experience.

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A Startling Statement

It has been said by those who have investigated the matter carefully that, although at the age of 45 fully 80 per cent of men are established in whatever pursuit they follow and are in receipt of incomes in excess of their expenditures, at the age of 60 it has been found that 95 per cent are dependent upon their daily earnings, and upon their children for support. Many, no doubt, read the despatch from Detroit, which recently appeared in the Canadian papers, and which described the condition of a man, who, but a little more than forty years ago, was a "financial power" in that city, who had a "palatial home" on one of the most fashionable thoroughfares, entertained lavishly and to whom everyone, high or low, was prepared to pay homage. But the fates were against him. He suffered serious financial losses, and when he began to go down hill he found it proper to grieve for the occasion. His friends deserted him like rats from a sinking ship, and now at eighty years of age, after his days labor, he wends his way to the city with the bent, broken down old man who have influence enough to have their names on the city's pay roll. The moral is that out of your abundance something should be laid aside for declining years, and invested where thieves cannot reach it, and where one cannot be deprived of it in any possible way. This means is afforded you under the Canadian Government Annuities Act, which the Parliament of Canada passed in the session 1908, and which received the unanimous support of both sides of the House. You may get all information by applying at the Post Office, or by addressing the superintendent of Annuities, Ottawa.

A Great Industry

"Dairying in Ontario—A great industry," is the title of a booklet issued by the Ontario Department of Agriculture. A great industry dairying certainly is, and a marvellous expansion in the market for the products of this industry has taken place of late years. One departmental store alone handles 600 gallons of milk, and the same amount of cream weekly, besides 170,000 gallons of sour cream in a year. One dairy company receives 600 cans of milk and cream combined daily. The total value of the dairy output of the Province is put at over thirty million dollars a year. Even more gratifying than the total figures presented are the facts stated as to the returns per cow and the improvement in individual herds. Seven owners of herds are mentioned whose returns for the six months factory season ending with November 1st of last year, ran from \$43.10 to \$64.19 per cow. This was for whole milk or fat alone, and was aside from the value of skim milk, whey or calves produced during the season, and aside too from the returns of the other four months covering the average period of lactation for cows. A specimen case of the herd improvement that is going on, the fact is recorded that one Oxford county dairyman has increased his average yield of milk per cow by 1,664 lbs. in four years, and he hopes in four years more to reach an average of 8,000 lbs. per cow per annum for his whole herd. There is no line of farming in Ontario that has been more uniformly profitable than dairying; there is none for which the outlook for the future is brighter.

Montreal Witness: When the Farmers of the West come down to Ottawa to urge lower tariff taxation, the Manufacturer's Association is being urged to take them in hand and give them "a good time." Our contemporary, "The Weekly Sun," hopes that if the idea be adopted, "it will be the best inventions, and to that end it could not do better than entertain the wild plainsmen and grangers for a whole day in its Toronto Mergers Factory, where at this moment, fifteen mergers are in all stages of manufacture. It might then show a made merger at work, one of the flour-milling mergers, for example, in which a property valued by its owner to his bank for borrowing purposes at a little more than a million was merged, and sold for more than three millions." The socialist then declares that the German Emperor's speeches were the finest literature for creating democrats, if he were here would surely declare the Canadian Manufacturer's Association, not the free trade newspapers and orators, are the chief aiders of free trade. With the object lesson of merging before them, and of a few men getting rich very quick through the privileges conferred by the tariff, and at the expense of all the other parts of the population, it is a monument to the patience of the plain man that he has put up with this condition of things for so long.

The main building of the Toronto Free Hospital for Consumptives was burned on Thursday morning last. The money loss is estimated at \$100,000. Ninety-two patients were driven out into the cold by the conflagration. Forty of them were in a helpless condition, and had to be carried by the attendants. All were promptly rescued from their dangerous position and placed temporarily in other buildings of the institution.

The Internal Economy Committee of the House of Commons has decided to dispense with young women who are employed to do typewriting work for the members of the House of Commons. They will be replaced by men, the committee taking the view that the work can be more appropriately done by males. For this purpose the committee has decided to employ a typist for each ten members, the members themselves to name a male typist.

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Spring Brook

The Rev. J. Moore, Ph. B., our Methodist minister, will preach a special sermon to young men next Sunday afternoon. The W. M. S. had a most interesting meeting on Wednesday afternoon, Mrs. Rev. J. E. Moore of Marmora and Miss S. Hamilton of Peterboro assisted in the programme. The Methodist Sabbath School are making great preparations for their annual entertainment on December 22nd. T. J. Thompson, J. P. and his brother, Wesley, returned from Selkirk, Man., on Monday last, where they had attended the funeral of their brother, the late William H. Thompson, who died suddenly.

That the hangman's work is not so unpopular as might be supposed, is evidenced by the fact that Sheriff Morrison received applications from about a dozen men who wanted the job of hanging Parker—for a consideration.—Belleville Ontario.

The record of deaths in twenty-three States during the recent hunting season was 118, with eighty-one cases of injury. Last year there were eighty-seven deaths, and a hundred and four were injured. The crowding of the woods during a shortened season is having its inevitable effect.

Twenty-seven cases for divorce will come before the Dominion Senate this season. Not so very many years ago, two or three applications for divorce in a session was considered a fair record. The likelihood is that in a few years the number will be such that Parliament cannot afford the time to deal with them. Then will come the divorce court in all the provinces. Already it exists in two or three of them.—Ontario

Many persons find themselves affected with a persistent cough after an attack of influenza. As this cough can be promptly cured by the use of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, it should be at hand for use until it becomes troublesome. Sold by all dealers.

RAINBOW LAND.

A Bonnie Name and True For the Highlands of Scotland.

The west highlands of Scotland may truly be called the home of the rainbow, says a writer in The London Queen, for there you will see them at any time of the year, and in no other part of the world can they be seen in more perfect form and hue.

On a wild autumn day, with the west or southwest wind blowing the clouds up across the sun, I have seen one rainbow follow another in quick succession. A perfect arch of palpitating color becomes suddenly visible and frames the blue black mountains, which sit hunched at the top of the loch, gathering the storms round their great shoulders and hurling them down to the foam white waters. At other times the bow shimmers across the sullen sky with both its ends resting on the water—a veritable gateway into fairyland. Even when the rainbows are not visible in this part of the world, it seems as if they had spilled their colors on the woods and hills. When the clouds lift and the belated sun shines over mountain and loch the effect is almost as dazzling as the rainbow itself.

In heather time the hills are wine colored on their lower slopes, while their tops are a deep indigo blue, standing out in strong contrast to the clear pale sky. Nearer at hand there is every shade of color from warm amethyst to the soft bloom of a purple plum.

Later in the year the hills are checkered with the pale gold of ripe grain, the red brown of withered heather, the rusty glow of bracken and the still vivid green of pasture fields, while the trees show every imaginable shade of hot color and seem to vie with each other in their efforts to defy the approaching gloom of winter.

The waters of the sea lochs, which add so much to the beauty of rainbow land, are tinted with all the shades of blue, gray and green and at sunset glow with colors which rival the hues of the rainbow. The leaves fall and spread their brightness on the ground remorselessly. The passionate autumn rains awaken the burns, which slept during the summer, and the air is filled with the hoarse cry of many waters.

The dwellers in this rainbow land fall into the habit of looking up to see if the arch of color is visible, and even if it is not there the attitude of hope cannot fail to uplift, and the consciousness that the rainbow is not far off never quite leaves them.

Dr. Frederick A. Cook, who claimed some time ago to have reached the North Pole, has now, according to the editor of Hampton's Magazine, confessed that he may not have reached the pole at all. In his story, the first instalment of which will appear in the Hampton's Magazine, Cook says that at the time he was half crazed by months of isolation and hunger, and convinced himself that he had reached the North Pole.

The Canadian Government has announced its intention to build the Canadian navy in Canada. The ships will cost fifty per cent more than if ordered from England where most of the countries of the world order their ships. We do not know that the Government is to be blamed for this foolish course, seeing that it is well understood to be the will of the country and not a dissentient voice has been raised against it in parliament. No member of parliament, no member of the government and no elector, if he had a ship to buy for himself, could get it from England at two thirds of the price would have it built in Canada. It will, we are told, bring a new industry to Canada that will employ more men here. It must be an unprofitable industry or we would have it already. According to that argument we can only class naval construction in the category of relief works, as it would be cheaper for the government to vote the difference for the support of the men and maintain them doing nothing.—Witness

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Harold Cheese Factory

The annual meeting of Harold Cheese Manufacturing Company will be held at the factory on Wednesday, Dec. 14th, 1910, at one o'clock, p.m., for the election of officers, letting milk routes, and any other business in connection with the factory. JOHN TANNER, President.

Central Cheese M'g Co.

The annual meeting of Central Cheese Manufacturing Company will be held at the factory on Thursday, Dec. 15th, at one o'clock, p.m., for the purpose of electing officers, paying dividends, and any other business that may come before the meeting. GEO. A. JOHNSON, President.

Shamrock Cheese Factory

The annual meeting of the Shamrock Cheese Manufacturing Company will be held at the factory on Friday, Dec. 16th, at one o'clock, p.m., for the purpose of electing officers, paying dividends, and any other business of the company. J. W. SAGER, President.

Cutters!

Just received a large assortment of Melotte, De Laval and Bluebell Cream Separators. All kinds of Farm Machinery, Pianos, Organs, and Sewing Machines. For sale, a colt coming three years old and a general purpose horse. Any union to quash or set aside the same, or any part thereof, must be made within three months after the first publication of this Notice, and cannot be made thereafter. Dated the first day of December, 1910. JAMES CURRIE, Clerk of the Village of Stirling.

Evergreen Cheese Factory

The annual meeting of Evergreen Cheese Manufacturing Company will be held at the factory on Saturday, Dec. 10th, at one o'clock, p.m., for the purpose of electing officers, letting milk routes, and any other business that may come before the meeting. ROBERT LANIGAN, President.

Hoards' Cheese Factory

The annual meeting of Hoards' Cheese Manufacturing Company will be held at the factory on Saturday, Dec. 10th, 1910, at one o'clock, p.m., for the settling up of the business of the factory for the season of 1910. Tenders will be received up to Dec. 10th for a cheese-maker for the year 1911. FRED JEFFS, President.

Swamp Elm Wanted

I will buy good, straight, standing swamp elm from any persons who have any for sale, delivered at the mill or in the woods. JOHN MORGAN, Spring Brook.

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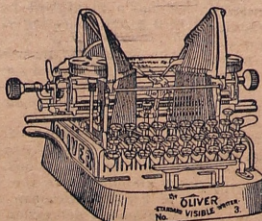
A little reasoning will convince you that ours is the Store in which you should buy your presents. We have the roomy store to carry a large stock, competent clerks to help you in making selections, and years of experience to ensure right buying. A present that gives pleasure is well chosen, and here is a list that should cover your needs:

Hand Bags, 25c. to \$5.00.
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Candies,—Huyler's Fry's and others.
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Kindly Appreciation

**Eggleton Church and Choir Make
Presentation to Miss Nora Bronson**

A very pleasant evening was spent at
the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Bronson
on Friday November 25th, when their
daughter, Miss Nora, was presented
with a beautiful mantel clock, also a
handsome silver sugar bowl and a
spoon holder, and the following address,
as a slight token of appreciation from
the choir and the congregation of the
Eggleton Church for her valuable as-
sistance as organist for the past three
years.

The remainder of the evening was
spent very pleasantly by young and
old, all enjoying the songs given by
Miss Nellie Bronson, and recitations by
Miss Broadworth and Miss Hamilton.
A dainty lunch of sandwiches, cake,
and coffee was served about midnight,
after which, all joined in singing "God
be with you till we meet again."

The following is the address:—

To Miss Nora B. Bronson.
We, the choir and congregation of the
Eggleton Church, feel that the time
has come for some just recognition of
your assistance as organist in the church
here, and we feel that your assistance
should be acknowledged more especial-
ly on account of your willingness to
help add to your well known musical
talent that has always won for you the
appreciation of your minister and others
who enjoyed the music you have given
us.

We know that you have felt like
some of the rest of us, that very few ap-
preciated your help besides the minis-
ter, and would have given up only for
the encouraging words of the minister,
who often told us "If God be for us he
is more than all who can be against us,"
and though often discouraged and hard-
ly knowing what to do, you went on
using your talent in the masters service
taking praise or blame for His sake who
has done so much for us all.

But we hope to prove to you that
others have loved your musical ability
and help. Being aware that you will
soon be taking your departure from us
into a broader life with all its mysteries
to form new friends and new responsi-
bilities we trust you will not forget the
true friends you are leaving here. As
you will be leaving us before the happy
Xmas season of giving and receiving is
here, we ask you to accept this offering,
small though it be, to what we should
wish it. But it carries with it our
heartfelt appreciation of your assistance
as organist for our choir. And we
hope and pray that God may lead you
into pleasant ways and help you to es-
tablish a home "as sweet as Heaven
desires."

"For life hath here, no charm so dear
As home, and friends around us."
Signed on behalf of the choir and con-
gregation,

MRS. A. W. ANDREWS
MRS. WM. FITCHETT.

S. S. No. 14 Rawdon

Report for November

Names in order of merit

Geography—
Sr. IV. Mary Stiles, Dora Redick (equal)
Jr. IV. May Fenn 57
Sr. III. K. McKeown, George McInroy,
S. Radcliffe.

Sr. II. Theda Bateman, Pearl Radcliffe.
Jr. II. E. Harrington, J. Fitchett, A. Mack,
W. Radcliffe.

Composition—
Sr. IV. H. Forestell, D. Redick, M.
Stiles.

Sr. IV. M. Fenn 79.
Sr. III. T. Saunders, G. McInroy, S.
Radcliffe.

Sr. III. K. McKeown 49.
Sr. II. H. Radcliffe, 66.
Jr. E. Harrington, J. Fitchett, A. Mack,
W. Radcliffe.

Diction—
Sr. IV. H. Forestell, D. Redick, M.
Stiles.

Jr. IV. M. Fenn 12.
Sr. III. F. Saunders, S. Radcliffe.
Sr. II. T. Bateman, P. Radcliffe.

Jr. II. A. Mack, E. Harrington, J.
Fitchett, W. Radcliffe.

Sr. I. V. Mack, M. McMullen.
Present every day: M. Stiles, D. Redick,
W. Stiles.

Excellent conduct: P. Radcliffe, A.
Mack, E. Harrington, D. Redick, Ward
Stiles.

MAUD REDICK, Teacher.

Forty-six accidents and twenty
deaths are reported as the result of deer-
hunting in the United States.

Auction Sales

SATURDAY DEC. 10th—At the premise
sately occupied by Mr. Wm. Winsor,
Emily Street, Stirling, a quantity of
household furniture and other articles,
the property of Miss Agnes Winsor.
Sale at 1 o'clock. Wm. Rodgers, Auctioneer.

THURSDAY, DEC. 15th—On Lots 14
and 15 in the 9th Concession of Sidney,
the farm stock and implements belong-
ing to Mr. Percy Palmer. Sale at 12-
30, sharp. Wm. Rodgers, Auctioneer.

The peculiar properties of Chamberlain's
Cough Remedy have been thoroughly
tested during epidemics of influenza, and
it was taken in time we have not
heard of a single case of pneumonia. Sold
by all dealers.

ADVERTISING NOTICES

In the local column will be charged as follows:
To Regular Advertisers.—Three lines and un-
der, 25 cents each insertion; over three lines,
75c. per line. Matter set in larger than the or-
dinary type, 10c. per line.
To Transient Advertisers.—10c. per line each
insertion. No insertion less than 25c.

RAILWAY TIME TABLE.
Trains at Stirling station as follows—
GOING WEST. GOING EAST.
Mail & Ex. 8:00 a.m. Passenger. 10:27 a.m.
Passenger. 8:45 p.m. Mail & Ex. 8:41 p.m.

The Stirling News-Argus.

THURSDAY, DEC. 8, 1910.

LOCAL MATTERS.

The County Council is in session at
Belleville this week.

Messrs. Thompson and Tanner will
ship poultry of all kinds on Tuesday
next, Dec. 13th. Highest market price
paid.

Members of Stirling Lodge No. 314,
A. O. U. W., are requested to give a
large attendance at the election meet-
ing on the 13th inst.

Included in the estimates presented
in the House of Commons on Friday,
we notice two and a quarter millions
for the Trent Valley Canal.

Don't fail to go to the Methodist
Church Lecture Room on Friday De-
cember 9th. Doors open from 3 to 10
o'clock. Admission only 5 cents.

The regular monthly meeting of the
W. M. S. of the Methodist Church will
be held in the S. S. room, Tuesday af-
ternoon the 13th at three o'clock. All
the ladies are welcome.

Remember the Mission Band social
in the Presbyterian church on Friday
evening, Dec. 16th. A good program
with refreshments. For further par-
ticulars see posters.

The Firemen's Concert last evening
was a great success in every way.
There was a good house, and a most ex-
cellent program was rendered by the
Marmora Choral Society and Deloro
Orchestra.

The Methodist Sunday School will
hold their annual Christmas entertain-
ment on Monday evening December 26.
A number of talented artists have been
secured for the occasion. Further par-
ticulars later.

The annual meeting of the Liberal
Conservative Association of the Town-
ship of Rawdon will be held at the
Town Hall, Harold, on Monday even-
ing, December 12th. A full attendance
of members is requested.

St. Thomas's Church, Eighth Line,
Rawdon, purpose holding their annual
Xmas Tree, in the Orange Hall, on the
evening of the 20th inst. An excellent
programme will be furnished and lunch-
eon served. Admission 25 and 15 cents.

An interesting meeting of the Stirling
Epworth League was conducted on
Monday Evening last. The topic was
delivered by Rev. Mr. Wight, and was
upon the origin, the institution and
the true significance of the Lord's
Supper.

The sale of fancy and useful articles
which is to take place in the Lecture
Room of the Methodist Church on Fri-
day December 9th will be of unusual
interest to all wishing to get anything
for Christmas presents. Admission
only 5 cents.

A concert will be given in Sidney
Baptist Church, on the evening of
Wednesday next, December 14th. The
concert is under the auspices of the
choir of the Church, and a number of
talented artists have been secured for
the occasion.

Most of the stores have been finely
decorated for the Christmas season, and
our advertisers tell you where you can
get everything required for presents
for Christmas. Read the advertise-
ments and then you will know where
to buy your goods.

Our citizens have again done well
for the Bible Society. At the meeting
in the Hall on Nov. 20th the collection
amounted to \$12.53, and last week six
ladies canvassed the village and ob-
tained \$85.35 additional. This makes
the handsome sum of \$97.88, and it is
expected that more will yet be added
to this by those living outside the vil-
lage.

In the Lecture Room of the Method-
ist Church on Friday evening the Do-
mestic table will furnish lots of good
things.

Agriculture is progressive. It is the
intention of the Weekly Sun, Toronto,
to collect the latest and best practices
from the facts presented, from week to
week, thus making it possible for the
Sun readers to appropriate for their own
use, that which will enable them to get
the largest returns for their labors, the
greatest value for their crops, and the
largest comfort from their surroundings.
No effort will be spared by the publish-
ers of The Sun to bring this about.
The Sun should be in every farm home.

Box Social

All welcome, and everybody come to the
Box Social to be held in Allan's School
House on the evening of Dec. 16th. Ad-
mission 25c., and a rebate for gentlemen
to that amount on all sums over a quarter
of a dollar. A dollar prize for the
prize box, and a dollar to him who
pays highest for a box.

The Horticultural Society desire all
those wishing to pay their annual fees to
do so at once, and hand the same to
W. E. Laycock, treasurer, and avoid
personal notices.

G. G. THRASHER,
Sec. S. H. Society.

Village Council

The regular meeting of the village
council was held on Monday evening
last. The only business transacted
was the passing of a few accounts and
the passing of a by-law repealing a for-
mer by-law which fixed the time for
holding the nominations at 7:30 in the
evening. The effect of repealing this
by-law is that the nomination this year
will be held at the hour fixed by the
statute, namely, at 12 o'clock noon on
Monday 26th inst. The reason for the
change was, that arrangements had
been made by the Methodist Sabbath
School to hold their entertainment in the
Hall on the evening of that day, as
has been their custom. As Monday,
the 26th, will be observed as a public
holiday it will be convenient to hold
the nomination at noon for the majority
of the people.

The Lord's Day Alliance

At the annual meeting of the local
branch of the Lord's Day Alliance on
Monday evening in St. Andrew's
Church, Rev. J. A. Hiltz conducted the
devotional exercises, Dr. J. D. Biss-
onnette, President; W. S. Martin, Sec-
retary; and Jas. Currie, Treasurer,
were re-elected, and Rev. W. G. Han-
na, Secretary of the Lord's Day Alli-
ance of Ontario, gave a most interest-
ing address on the aims and aids of
the Alliance as well as its works and
worries.

Every contributor to the Alliance
funds will get a copy of "The Lord's
Day Act of Canada," which is said to
be the best law on the subject on the
Statute Books of any country,
and monthly copies of "The Lord's
Day Advocate," showing the work of
the Alliance.

Annual Meeting

On Wednesday afternoon of this
week a goodly number of the ladies of
St. Andrew's congregation assembled in
the lecture room of the church for the
annual business meeting of the
Ladies' Aid Society. Very satisfactory
reports were presented by the retiring
officers, and with the utmost harmony
the following were chosen for the en-
suing year:—*The Ladies' Aid Society*
President—Mrs. W. R. Mather (in
absentia).

1st Vice-Pres.—Mrs. Lyman Moon.
2nd Vice-Pres.—Mrs. W. Reynolds.
Sec.—Mrs. J. D. Bissounette.
Treas.—Mrs. Frank Conley.

After the business was concluded a
social hour was spent over a dainty
lunch and all admired the much im-
proved appearance recently made in
the basement by the paper hangers
and painters.

A FAMILY AFFAIR

The Family Herald and Weekly
Star of Montreal may justly be called a
"Family Affair," for in its 32 pages
each week there are found columns of
matter that interest every member of a
family, whether old or young, and how-
ever numerous they may be. It is the
best family combination paper printed,
and any family not receiving it should
give it a trial for next year. The pub-
lishers we understand, contemplate
elaborate improvements next year
which will make it even more valuable.

Canadian Home Journal

A short time ago, in answer to the
question, "What Canadian Magazine
have we to take the place of foreign
women's journals?" the Montreal Ga-
zette replied, "Write to the Canadian
Home Journal Toronto, for a sample
copy." We are glad to give the same
suggestion to our readers. It is a ma-
gazine of splendid quality and interest
that must appeal to all Canadians.

December is a cheery, attractive num-
ber, breathing the Christmas spirit. It
has very excellent stories: "The turn
of the tide," by Verna Sheard; "The
Comforting of Eugene," which must re-
call the many small troubles of child-
hood that seemed so momentous;
"Unconfessed Cross," by Kathle-
ine Hale; "A Pound of Tea," by Mari-
on Waltham: some interesting chapters
from Mrs. McClung's successful book,
"The Second Chance," and the serial
novel, "Jeanne of the Marshes," by
E. Phillips Oppenheim.

Christmas is the great "home" day,
and next to being home are letters from
the folks, and remembrances, however
small their intrinsic value may be.
Even on opposite sides of the earth the
wanderers unite to celebrate and so far
as possible to reproduce the home at-
mosphere. Nan Morton tells us of a
South African Yule-tide in "Christ-
mas in Natal." A new chapter in the
life of Dickens, that great lover of
Christmas, is interestingly told in
"Dickens at Broadstairs," by Emily
Weaver.

The children are well remembered in
this Christmas number with a prize
rebus, geographical puzzles, and a geo-
graphical Christmas dinner. There are
prize stories too, which the children
tell about their pets.

Christmas suggestions fill many
pages; there are novel and attractive
table decorations, well illustrated from
photographs; decorations for rooms;
games for Christmas entertainments;
games, fortune telling, charades;
Christmas menus and recipes appeal to
the housekeeper who is looking for
something a little different.

In the Tea Room of the Methodist
Church on Friday evening, December
9th—

Menu
Oyster Soup
Boston Baked Beans Bread and Butter
Catsup, Pickles
Cake Coffee

Card of Thanks

I hereby wish to thank the fireman for
turning out so promptly at the alarm of
fire on Sunday, Nov. 27th.

ROBT. EGGLETON.

Philip C. Dalmage, a wealthy farmer
of Cherry Valley, was burned to death
in a fire that destroyed his stables and
lived stock.

IT WILL PAY YOU TO READ THIS ADVERTISEMENT

Only fourteen more business days until Christmas. Now is the time to do your Christ-
mas shopping. We have everything in stock suitable for presents for both young and old.
Come to this store for up-to-the-minute Presents of all descriptions. It is always a pleasure
to show our goods.

Umbrellas are Always Useful

No gift is surer of ultimate appreciation than a
good Umbrella. We have them at moderate prices for
both men and women. Prices range from 75c. to \$3.00
each.

Gloves Make Excellent Christmas Gifts

We have them to suit all purses. Ladies' Kid
Gloves, all sizes, both Dent's and Perrin's makes, at
\$1.00 to \$1.75 per pair. Men's Mocha Gloves, all sizes.
Prices range from \$1.00 to \$1.75 per pair. Men's lined
Dog-skin Gloves, tan color, very special at \$1.25 to \$1.50
per pair. We have a special line of Men's Mocha
Gloves, all sizes, Sable lined up to the finger tips, at....
\$2.25 per pair.

Ladies' Collars in all Shades and Styles

We have just received an unusually large shipment
of Ladies' Collars and Belts for Christmas sales.
Ladies' Collars prices range from 25c. to \$1.75 each.
Ladies' Belts prices range from 19c. to \$1.00 each.

Handkerchiefs Handkerchiefs

Our handkerchief section is particularly full at this
season. Come in and let us show you all our new ones.

Men's and Ladies' Linen Handkerchiefs at from 5c.
to 50c. each. We have a special Men's Silk Handker-
chief with 1 and 1 inch hem, with or without initial.
Best of silk, at 35c. each or 3 for \$1.00.

CHILDREN'S SPECIAL—A children's size all silk
Handkerchief, embroidered edges, imported direct
from Japan, at our special price of 5c. each.

Highest price paid for produce.

Goods delivered promptly.

G. W. ANDERSON

PHONE No. 29.

Highest price paid for Butter and Eggs.

Married

WICKENS-CLEAVE.—On Wednesday, Dec-
ember 7th, 1910, at the Methodist parsonage, Stirling,
by Rev. L. S. Wight, Miss Phoebe Cleave of
Crookston, to Mr. John Wickens of Madoc.

LAKE-HAGEMAN.—On Wednesday, Dec-
ember 7th, 1910, by Rev. L. S. Wight, at the Metho-
dist parsonage, Stirling, Mr. James Lake of
Stirling and Miss Edith Lillian Hageman of
Sidney.

Deaths

CARSTAIRS.—In Toronto, on Dec. 1st, Corne-
lia Carstairs, widow of Robert H. Carstairs,
in her 80th year.

Notice

A meeting of the Royal Searlet Chapter
of District No. 3, Central Hastings, will be
held in L. O. L. No. 309, Rawdon, on Dec-
ember 14th, at 7:30 p.m., for conferring degrees
and other business.

GEO. H. ROSE, W. C.
A. H. LLOYD, Scribe.

Special Notice

A regular meeting of I. O. F. Court
Graham, No. 1236, will be held in their
lodge room (over Anderson's store) on De-
cember 16th, 1910, at 7:30 p.m., for the pur-
pose of adopting by-laws, election of
officers, and the transaction of general
business. A full attendance desired.

JOHN T. SCOTT, Rec. Sec'y.

Plum Grove Cheese Factory

The annual meeting of the Plum Grove
Cheese Manufacturing Company will be
held at the factory on Saturday, Dec. 17th,
at one o'clock, p.m., for the purpose of
paying dividends, electing officers for the
coming year, and other general business
of the Company.

FRED FANNING
President.

Wellman's Corners, Dec. 2, 1910.

AT THE PALMS

You will find the following Fresh,
New Goods for Xmas buying:

**NEW VALENCIA RAISINS,
CURRANTS, FIGS, DATES,
PRUNES, PEELS, ETC.**

at lowest prices.
Fresh Mixtures, 3 lb. at 25c.
Mixed Nuts, per lb. 20c.
Fancy Box Candy, from 25c. to \$1.25
each.

A fresh barrel of Cape Cod Cran-
berries at 2 qts. for 25c.

SEALSHIPT OYSTERS

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Substitute for Turkey.—Get a small fresh ham, have the market man trim off the skin, most of the fat, and take out the bone. Make a dressing just as you would for turkey, and put in just where bone was taken out. Roast as you would turkey.

Chocolate Soufflé.—Mix two teaspoonfuls of corn flour very smoothly with a quarter of a pint of milk, add to it one ounce and a half of caster sugar and one ounce of butter. Stir it over the fire till it boils, then add two eggs, the yolks and whites beaten separately, add one ounce of powdered chocolate. Pour into a piedish, and bake for half an hour.

Swiss Apple Pudding.—Boil one pound of peeled and cored apples with a teaspoonful of water and three ounces of sugar till perfectly tender. When cold, four ounces of finely chopped suet, one egg, and one gill of milk. Flavor with a grated lemon rind. Pour into a greased piedish, cover with bread-crumbs, and bake for an hour.

Browning for gravies and soups should be made thus: Take half a pound of coarse brown sugar, one tablespoonful of salt, and nearly half a pint of boiling water. Place the sugar and salt in a frying pan with a very small lump of dripping, and stir together over the fire till of a dark brown color, then add the water, boil well, and then cold bottle for use.

Real Scotch Shortbread.—Rub half a pound of butter into one pound of flour, add four ounces of caster sugar, and knead into a dough, adding a very little water if necessary. Roll out to an inch and cut into squares. Pinch the edges, prick the tops with a steel fork, and bake in a moderate oven.

Creamed Chicken with Mushrooms.—Take a small fowl, clean and boil till tender, when cold cut the breast in small dice and season with salt and pepper. Now take two tablespoonfuls of good butter, one tablespoonful of flour, moisten with one cup of rich boiling cream and beat over the fire till smooth. Add one chicken with one quart of fresh mushrooms cut in dice; let all simmer twenty minutes. Serve on strips of toast; garnish with green parsley.

Christmas Plum Pudding.—1 lb. currants, 8 oz. raisins, 4 oz. peel, 4 oz. flour, 1/2 lb. bread-crumbs, 1 lemon, 1/2 nutmeg, 1 oz. citron, 4 eggs, 1/2 gill port, 1 gill milk, 2 oz. almonds, 1/2 lb. suet, 1/2 lb. Demerara sugar, pinch salt. Method: Stalk and clean the currants, stone and chop raisins, chop, peel and shred the blanched almonds, chop the suet finely. Mix all the dry ingredients together, including the grated lemon rind. Strain in the juice, beat and add the eggs, the milk and lastly the port. Put the mixture into well buttered moulds, and boil from six to eight hours.

Individual Fruit Cake.—One cupful citron, one cupful raisins, one cupful figs, one cupful dates, one cupful currants, one cupful molasses, one cupful butter, one cupful sugar, one cupful flour, one cupful cinnamon, one cupful nutmeg, one cupful cloves, one cupful mace, two cupfuls of butter and drippings, one cupful of molasses, four eggs, three cupfuls sugar. Mix all well together; add one teaspoonful of soda dissolved in half a cupful of water to two teaspoonfuls of baking powder sifted with half a cupful of flour. Add flour to make stiff enough to roll. Roll one-half inch thick. Cut in rounds and bake in a moderate oven.

Chestnut Cream.—One-half pound of chestnuts, one and a half cupfuls of milk, one-half cupful of sugar, three egg yolks, one tablespoonful of granulated gelatin, one-quarter cupful of cold water, one tablespoonful of sherry wine, or any good homemade wine. Shell the chestnuts, boil and mash. Scald milk, add sugar and eggs, and cook until of a creamy consistency. Dissolve gelatin in cold water. Add to the custard mixture. When well blended add chestnuts and flavoring. Pour into mold, chill, and serve garnished with beaten cream. Both of these recipes will be found novel and delicious.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS.

Camphor gum laid upon the shelves will keep ants and mice out of cupboards.

To keep lettuce over night, put it in a cheesecloth bag and place on the ice or in a cold cellar.

If the hands are rubbed on a stick of celery after peeling onions the smell will be entirely removed.

With roast meats, sweet potato

atoes are appropriate, as are squash, tomatoes, asparagus and stewed onions.

Radishes and cucumbers should lie in ice cold water for at least an hour before being sent on the table.

Bread boards should be occasionally scrubbed with a little salt. This helps to considerably whiten the boards.

To keep the feet warm in cold weather, cut a sole to the size of the boot or shoe in thick brown paper and wear it.

If rugs are sprinkled with cayenne pepper before being rolled in paper and put away, it is said to prevent moths.

If the color has been taken from silks by acids it may be restored by applying to the spots a little hartshorn or sal volatile.

Sour milk should be added to the water with which linoleum and oilcloths are washed, and this will make them look new.

To clean narrow-necked vases, babies' bottles, fruit-jars, etc., pour water and raw rice into them and shake vigorously.

Empty cereal boxes are splendid to cover fruit jars which should be kept from the light. Write the name of the fruit on the box.

A faint scent of violets is imparted to handkerchiefs by adding a small piece of orris root to the water in which they are boiled.

When washing woollens do not wring them, but hang on the line dripping wet. If allowed to dry in this way they will not shrink.

Fried onions fairly cry aloud for a juicy beefsteak and roast beef without potatoes browned under the meat never tastes quite the same.

Medicine stains may be removed from silver spoons by rubbing them with a rag dipped in sulphuric acid and washing it off with soap suds.

Lemons that have become hard from long standing may be covered with boiling water for a short time and they will be found to be usable.

Save every bit of old silk, no matter what color, and have a small rug made from them. Many have the finish and color of an Oriental rug.

It is no longer correct to serve more than two vegetables with the meat course, though with poultry cranberries are not counted as an extra.

In boiling clothes, especially fine linen and lingerie materials, in a wash boiler, always put them in a bag. This prevents the possibilities of rust stains.

Cold water, a teaspoonful of ammonia and soap will remove machine grease when other means would not answer on account of colors running.

Boiled linseed oil should be used to paint kitchen floors. They will always be cleaned very easily, and adding much to the neat appearance of the floor.

A useful little wrinkle is to moisten the buttonholes of starched collars, wristbands of cuffs, a little on the under side before trying to button them or to insert cuff buttons.

A cook, on being asked why she always added a little butter to the water in which she boils the vegetables, replied that it was a precaution against the water bubbling over.

Never use soda or washing powders for washing china that has any gilding on it, for the soda will in time remove it all. Instead of soda use soap, that has no bad effect.

Silver that is in daily use may be kept bright by placing it occasionally in hot borax water, and allowing it to stand an hour or two. Rinse with clear hot water, and wipe with a clean dry towel.

Salted meat requires longer boiling than fresh. Put it into cold water, quickly bring it to the boil, then let it simmer. Allow longer time than for fresh meat, as the fibres will be harder.

Stains on towels and clothing can be removed with turpentine, kerosene, or alcohol before sending them to the laundry. Soap will set the stain. Paint stains may be removed with chloroform.

To kill cockroaches put a mixture of flour and plaster of paris in places infested by cockroaches. The creatures will eat it greedily. The plaster of paris 'sets' after they have eaten it and kills them.

For mud stains on dresses dissolve a little carbonate of soda in water, and with it wash the mud stain. Another plan is to rub the stains with a cut raw potato, afterward removing the potato juice by rubbing it with a flannel dipped in water.

Pains of glass may be easily removed by applying soft soap to the putty which holds them. Leave the soap on for a few hours before attempting to remove the putty, which, however hard it may be, will rarely fail to soften under the treatment.

One of the best ironing helps is a No. 9 flat iron for ironing sheets, tablecloths and bedspreads. One will never regret the purchase of so large an iron when curtains are to be ironed. It is easily handled, and especially useful for pressing dress skirts.

To clean dirty sponges, put a piece of soda the size of a walnut and a tablespoonful of salt into a basin and pour on boiling water. Allow dirty sponges to stand in this for a short time, when they will be quite clean and free from grease. Rinse in cold water.

2,400,000 WORKPEOPLE.

Covered by General Agreements With Employers in London.

In spite of many symptoms of industrial unrest and the tendency of the workers in some trades to repudiate bargains made by their leaders, a remarkable growth of the principle of making collective agreements is recorded in a report just issued by the Labor Department of the British Board of Trade. The collective agreements of a general trade or distinct character which are known to the department are 1,696. It is estimated that the total number of workpeople whose conditions of labor are regulated is 2,400,000; but there is in addition a large number whose wages, hours, and other conditions are, in effect, governed by these agreements. In the more important industries the agreements generally contain provisions for the pacific settlement of grievances.

Mr. G. R. Askwith, in an introductory note, says that the agreements, by fixing the level of wages, hours, and other conditions for specified periods, and preventing undercutting by rival employers, must have an important influence on industrial enterprise, as it enables the cost of labor to be calculated in advance.

Less than a fourth of the whole number of workpeople employed in the United Kingdom are covered even now by collective agreements.

SENTENCE SERMONS.

Much piety expires by expiating. He who looks for thorns finds the desert.

Goodness, like health, is never conscious of itself.

He cannot be rich in himself who dare not be poor.

It is always a sad thing to have pleasures without toil.

Often a tide of sorrow carries us over a shoal of self.

Second hand piety cannot make even a second rate saint.

One little deed is worth reams of indorsements of big deeds.

Life is too short to miss a kindness, too long to cherish hate.

Take care of your living and your dying will take care of itself.

It's finer being a small hunk of sunshine than a big bank of fog.

Some meetings are arranged on the theory that misery loves company.

It's no use being poor in spirit annually at the time of tax assessments.

The heart is bankrupt already when it counts on the profits of love.

No man is ever good enough to dictate the terms of real goodness to another.

Some hymns must be designed to prepare for eternal harmony by present poetic purgatory.

Many imagine they are traveling on the gospel train who are only arguing over the time card.

Some people treat the sermon as a table d'hôte dinner, picking out the things that will not agree with them.

Many imagine they have accomplished the journey to heaven when they have only determined the route for others.

No man has so many friends he can afford to despise any of them.

There is a lot of difference between seeing to do and doing in order to be seen.

Many who fear to walk under a ladder use one quickly enough to climb over a law.

The best way to meet some foes is to lay them out first and argue with them afterwards.

Few things make us more zealous against moths than the possession of good sized beams.

Nothing will cure your own spiritual ailments quicker than care for another fellow's needs.

THE S. S. LESSON.

INTERNATIONAL LESSON,
DEC. 11.

Lesson XI.—The Crucifixion, Matt.

27. 15-20. Golden Text,
Isa. 53. 5.

Verses 15-20.—The remarkable conduct of Pilate in trying to avoid the infliction of the death penalty upon Jesus. With shrewd deference to a custom of the Jews, according to which pardon was extended to some prisoner during the feast of the passover, Pilate, who seems to have been completely convinced of the innocence of Jesus, yielded to the clamor of the crowd about the palace and offered to release unto them a certain Barabbas, who was a notorious and dangerous brigand, such as frequented the hill country between Jerusalem and Jericho, and who singularly enough bore the name of Jesus, or the other Jesus who was popularly called the Christ. He probably understood the popular temper, and expected the rabble to call for the release of their hero. His reasons for wishing to get rid of Jesus were:

(1) His belief in the innocence of this strange prisoner; (2) his conviction that the chief priests and elders had delivered Jesus to him simply because of envy, a fact that would arouse his Roman sense of justice; (3) the peculiar dream of his wife. It was while her messengers were delivering her warning to the governor, that he should have nothing to do with this righteous man, that something occurred to swerve the sentiment of the crowd.

The Jewish rulers, seeing the purpose of Pilate to release Jesus, incited the crowd to call for the release of Barabbas. This they did. But it did not convince Pilate that they wished necessarily for the death of the other, although the rulers saw that to give up Barabbas meant to destroy Jesus (20). So he asks, What then shall I do unto Jesus? With unanimous voice they reply, Let him be crucified. Still Pilate is unwilling to yield to their lawless prejudices.—What evil hath he done? To this he receives no reply, for the mob has become possessed of an idea and they cannot get rid of it—Let him be crucified.

It was useless for Pilate to attempt to beat back this storm. Still, while giving way, he felt the guilt of his act and dramatically washed his hands, as if symbolically to clear himself of the stain of another's blood. The people, however, once more with one voice, relieved him of all responsibility for the crime and voluntarily assumed the burden of guilt for themselves and their children. So Pilate "released him that for murder and insurrection had been thrown into prison, whom they claimed, and Jesus he handed over to their will." No mention is made of a formal sentence of death. The Jewish rulers had attended to that. All they wanted was Pilate's consent. And Jesus declared theirs was the greater guilt (John 19. 11).

The horrible process by which Jesus was scourged before being delivered to the soldiers was a customary preliminary to capital punishment.

27-31.—Mockery by the Roman soldiers. A band of soldiers had come to the city with the governor in order to preserve quiet during the feast. These now amused themselves maltreating Jesus while preparations were being made for the crucifixion. Matthew divides their conduct in the palace into two parts: (1) The mock homage of the soldiers. The Romans had a ceremonial which they called "Hail Caesar," and this, with evident glee, they modified to suit their contemptuous salutations to the King of the Jews. With a robe of imperial scarlet, a kingly crown cruelly woven of thorns that pressed into his bleeding head, and a reed which served as a mock scepter, they compelled him to assume the role of king, while they prostrated themselves before him with insulting ribaldry. (2) The brazen outrages of the soldiers. These consisted in spitting upon him, snatching the reed from his hands and smiting him on the head, and then stripping him of the princely robe and putting upon him his own attire.

32-50.—The crucifixion and death of Jesus.

32.—Simon.—As the procession of soldiers, priests, and frenzied rabble, which had formed to follow Jesus to the crucifixion, came out of the gates of the city, it was noticed that Jesus staggered beneath the weight of the heavy cross. No doubt he was exhausted by the excitement and suffering through which he had already passed. The soldiers therefore compelled a man named Simon to take the Savior's burden. This man was evidently a Jew from the city in North Africa called Cyrene, and had come up to Jerusalem to celebrate the passover. He had two sons who seem to have become Christians. "Surely Simon also believed. It were indeed a strange irony had the man who carried the cross missed the

salvation whereof it is the instrument and symbol."

33. Golgotha.—There is much doubt as to the site and origin of the name, The place of a skull. Scholarly opinion favors an eminence just outside the Damascus Gate, known now as Jeremiah's Grotto, and shaped as a skull.

34. Wine mingled with gall.—This was a bitter, drugged drink, which was mercifully provided for those about to suffer violent death, in order to deaden their sensibility (compare Proverbs 31. 6). We do not know why Jesus, after he had tested it, refused to drink it. Perhaps it was because he had already determined his course, and that included his drinking to the full the cup which his Father had appointed.

35. Parted his garments.—There were four soldiers. To one went the sandals, to another his turban, to a third his cloak, and to the fourth his girdle. Referring to the plaid tunics, then were unwilling to rend it, since it was woven in one piece, and therefore, unwittingly fulfilling Psa. 22. 18, they cast lots for its possession.

37. His accusation.—All four Gospels agree that it was written, The King of the Jews. John alone adds the interesting account of how Pilate gave vent to his hatred of the rulers by insisting upon the superscription's remaining written as at first.

38. Matthew mentions the two robbers and their words of reproach (44), but omits what is given by Luke alone, the incident of the repentance of one of them. This triple execution was in disregard of the law which forbade more than one on the same day.

42. Unknown to these mockers, they were speaking a great truth when they said, He saved others; himself he cannot save. The reason he could not come down from the cross was not that he was held by his bonds, but by his desire to save those who thus crucified him. 45. Darkness.—This lasted from noon until three o'clock. It has frequently been pointed out that this was no unusual phenomenon. But we can trace in it the divine intervention and interpret it as we will. The evangelists give simply the fact.

46. Why hast thou forsaken me!—The full meaning of this cry is beyond human wisdom to fathom. It involves an interpretation of the meaning of death and sin, of the relation of Christ and sin, of the relation of Christ the Son to God the Father, and of Christ to humanity—in short, a complete theory of the atonement. Compare the discussion in Word Studies for November 20.

50. Yielded up his spirit.—He might have retained it in the mortal body. (Compare his words in John: "I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down.") With a loud voice he cried: "Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit." The details omitted in Matthew should be studied carefully in the other Gospels.

CYNICAL SAYINGS.

Memory is the quality that enables a man to forget judiciously. Unfortunately a wealth of imagination won't pay the butcher's bill.

A pessimist is a man who dodges pleasure running to meet trouble. To get things coming your way it is first necessary to go after them.

Man wants but little here below, generally a little more than he will ever get.

The only condition under which ignorance is bliss is when you have more money than you know what to do with.

It's a good plan to get out of the way of the man who is riding his hobby.

It requires a great deal of tact for a woman to make her husband think he is having his own way.

The great failing of other people is that they talk too much.

Sick bed repentance seldom lasts long enough to pay the doctor.

It doesn't pay to cry over spilled milk nor to grieve more than a dollar's worth over a lost dollar.

No man doubts your word if you speak well of him.

We all live to be thankful for some of the failures of our youth.

If a man never made a bet he never would know how poor his judgment is.

The man who climbs to success generally has some one steadying the ladder for him.

The man with personal magnetism makes almost as many friends as the man with money.

If the shoe fits, wear it, unless you happen to be a woman, and then you will get a size smaller.

Many a man who wants the earth is obliged to take water.

Ignorance of the law excuses no one, not even a young lawyer.

It's about time to count up the things you have to be thankful for.

Some people try to substitute a pleasant smile for honesty.

Make a noise like ready money and your friends will not forsake you.

THE FACTORY AND CHILD.

ENVIRONS IN ENGLAND MAR
AND KILL.

Well-Paid Lancashire Cotton Operatives are Breeding a Poor Race.

Lancashire has a much higher rate of infant mortality than the great city of London. The London Daily News expressed surprise at this, and a correspondent, thoroughly acquainted with the social conditions of the cotton spinning district, wrote that paper the following explanation of Lancashire's greater death rate:

Just so long as the Lancashire girl enters the mill at twelve years old and remains there after her marriage—at, say, twenty, and during all the years she is bearing children; and just so long as the babies are carried out at 5.30 every morning to be put in the charge of incompetent persons for the rest of the day, fed on diluted Swiss or half-sour cow's milk out of sticky filthy bottles, pacified by dummy teats dipping in soothing syrup, just so long as these things go on will the infant mortality percentage in Lancashire be what it is.

HAPPY THOSE WHO DIE.

And the babies who die are the lucky ones; hosts of those who survive their miserable rickety childhood grow up with bow-leg, knock-knee, hump-back and other hideous deformities, not to speak of the general dwarfing of the whole industrial population.

The women, on the whole—are brilliant exceptions, of course—are totally ignorant of domestic economy, and how are they likely to be otherwise, working as they do from 6 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. during all those impressionable years when domestic economy may become a habit never again to be acquired!

The art of domestic cooking is almost a lost one in industrial Lancashire, and Southerners are apt to be staggered by the extraordinary number of shops supplying ready-cooked food. The trade in tinned goods is enormous, as may easily be seen by visits to cottage ashbins, and a reference to any grocer. I have myself seen a family consisting of mother, father, and four children, ranging from one to six years, enjoying an evening meal of strong coffee without milk, canned salmon, and new muffins! The mother was almost speechless with indignation when told that she was

POISONING HER CHILDREN.

It is only children with iron constitutions who can come through an ordeal like this, and, as I said before, many of them are absolutely unfitted for life's struggle by such a domestic regime. Ignorance has a heavy toll to pay!

Poverty, as it is known further south, does not exist here, and as a cause may be regarded as negligible. What is wanted in Lancashire is the "Mother," the bustling happy, managing, intelligent mother that has almost disappeared. Some of us who daily see the maimed and neglected little ones pining for the care which only such a mother can give, wonder how long it will be before the eyes of the nation are opened to this great need.

BRITAIN'S AERIAL FLEET.

Two Biplanes are Ordered in France for Military Use.

The British War Office is now taking steps to possess an aerial fleet. Orders have just been given to M. Henri Farman and to M. Paulhan for two biplanes of the military type. These are expected to be delivered in England in about two months' time. They will not be the first aeroplanes belonging to the British Army, for a Blériot monoplane has, it is said, proved a great success, and negotiations are taking place now which may result in the purchase by Great Britain of several more aeroplanes of the same kind. The Farman biplane which has just been ordered will be a splendid machine. M. Farman himself states that he has great hopes that it will prove almost perfect for its purpose. It will carry two passengers, and will hold petrol for a five-hour flight. It is so constructed that in front of one of the occupants there is a space which will carry a large quantity of explosives. The cost is a little over \$5,000.

BLIND GIRL'S POULTRY YARD

Recently a writer in Feathered Life had the pleasure of meeting a young Scotch girl who though almost blind is active and accomplished to a very remarkable degree. One of her principal interests is her poultry yard, and there her almost unaided efforts have met with truly wonderful success. Her yearly balance sheet shows substantial and increasing profits, while the care of her birds proves a source of much interest and provides a good deal of healthy outdoor exercise. She keeps careful and accurate accounts, a Braille slate being used for memoranda. She uses a typewriter for correspondence.

IMPOVERISHED BLOOD

A Common and a Dangerous Trouble—You must Enrich the Blood to Escape Danger.

Anaemia is simply a lack of blood. It is one of the most common and at the same time most dangerous diseases with which growing girls suffer. It is common because the blood so often becomes impoverished during development, when girls are too frequently allowed to over-study, over-work and suffer from a lack of exercise. It is dangerous because of the stealthiness of its approach, often being well developed before its presence is recognized, and because of its tendency to grow so steadily worse, if not promptly checked, that it may run into consumption.

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Old Gent (who has just finished reading an account of shipwreck with loss of passengers and all hands)—"Dear! dear! I'm so sorry for the poor sailors that were drowned." Old Lady—"Sailors! It isn't the sailors—it's the passengers I'm sorry for. The sailors are used to it!"

Often what appear to be the most trivial occurrences of life prove to be the most momentous. Many are disposed to regard a cold as a slight thing, deserving of little consideration, and this neglect often results in most serious ailments entailing years of suffering. Drive out colds and coughs with Bickel's Anti-Consumptive Syrup, the recognized remedy for all affections of the throat and lungs.

It's awfully hard to convince some men that other people have rights.

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SAME THING. "I cannot understand ze Engleeshe language," said the desperate Frenchman. "I learn how to pronounce ze word 'hydrophobia,' and zen I learn zat ze doctors pronounce it 'fatal.'"

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CHEAP LIVING IN LISBON.

Though Portugal is a Poor Country the People Live Well.

Thanks to their rulers in the past, Spain and Portugal are now the poorest countries in Europe, with little current gold in them. Both are beset by the unsanitary nuisance of dirty paper money of low value. Portugal has bank notes down to 100 reis, worth from 8 to 12 cents, according to the financial credit of the day.

But the people are not so much to be pitied as is generally imagined. Mere necessities of life are so cheap that a little money goes a long way. In Lisbon one may dine admirably for 6 cents with wine, perfect cleanliness and a napkin included. Lisbon's fish market is perhaps the cheapest, as it is one of the best in the world. Fruit also abounds, while grain of all sorts is cheap.

This abundance of general cheapness of mere essentials explains the prolonged apathy of the people and the reason why they have so long borne the burden of misgovernment without active resistance. The factory girls of Covilha and elsewhere make a brave and cheerful show on a wage of twelve cents a day.

The tax collectors take much from the poor man in Portugal, but the little that remains is enough for existence, and to the good Catholics of the faithful land that seems a grace to thank God for.

SENTENCE SERMONS.

Freedom is the right to choose the right.

To crush your powers is not to rule them.

A catalogue of vices never led anyone into virtue.

Anaemia is often temporarily mistaken for virtue.

Revenge is better than a greedy kind of gratitude.

The more the tongue flows the less the head knows.

An ingrowing conscience drives many a man into sin.

They who talk much of dying are usually dead already.

The fussy Christian tries to preserve the faith by ferment.

Most of those who want to go to heaven back out from dying.

To live for praise is before long to get your soul on the counter.

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Shiloh's Cure quickly stops coughs, cures colds, heals the throat and lungs. 25 cents.

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"Young man," said the serious person, "don't you realize that the love of money is the root of all evil?" "Well," answered the spendthrift, "you don't see me hanging on to money as if I loved it, do you?"

A good honest remedy for Rheumatism, Neuralgia and Sore Throat is Hamlin's Wizard Oil. Nothing will so quickly drive out all pain and inflammation.

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MUST BE REMEMBERED.

The slow train is still the target for the shafts of the humorist. Recently a wag sent the following letter to the editor of a paper:

"Sir,—Is there no way to put a stop to begging along the line of the railway? For instance, yesterday an aged mendicant with a wooden leg kept pace with the afternoon express all the way from Blankton to Spaceley and annoyed the passengers exceedingly, going from one open window to another with his importunate solicitations!"

"Do you keep two servant girls?"

"No; my wife isn't strong enough to wait on more than one."

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Kate—"Indeed! What happened between you?" Clara—"Oh, he flared up one day and went out!"

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A stitch-to-day may save a rip to-morrow.

The selection of the Prince Rupert for this sea voyage is a distinct compliment to the ship and the Grand Trunk Pacific. The round trip fare, including everything, except hotel expenses at Honolulu, is fixed at \$250 per ticket.

NASTY THINGS.

Mrs. Dashaway—"Yes, while we were in Egypt we visited the Pyramids. They were literally covered with hieroglyphics."

Mrs. Newrich—"Ugh! Wasn't you afraid some of 'em would get on you?"

Johnnie (to new visitor)—"So you are my grandma, are you?" Grandmother—"Yes, Johnnie! I'm your grandma on your father's side."

Johnnie—"Well, you're on the wrong side; you'll soon find that out!"

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TOO SHARP.

Mechanically the interviewer droned out his well-worn questions.

"And how, Sir William, did you get your start in life?"

"I got my start in life, young man," said the pork merchant, "through picking up a pin in the street. I had been refused employment by a butcher, and on my way out I saw a pin."

"Quite so," chimed in the seasoned interviewer. "You picked it up, the butcher was impressed by your carefulness, called you back, and took you into partnership. I know that pin so well!"

"Excuse me," broke in the pork vendor; "but you proceed too fast. I saw the pin, and picked it up—quite true. But I sold it for one hundred dollars. It was a diamond pin."

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PALS TOGETHER.

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Even as he spoke two big rats scurried across the office floor. The dog merely wrinkled his nose.

"Rat dog!" scoffed the travelling man. "Look at that, will you?"

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IRELAND'S REMOTE PARTS.

Charm of the Historical Aspect of the Emerald Isle.

The rough, unkempt forests of Ireland, with their hint of the wild life, have, too, their charm after the park-like woods of England. True, the Irish forest is often made up of more of scrub than of trees; but it is wild, and wildness has always its thrill. The villages, too, sometimes convey a hint of the wild life—the cottage walls splashed with the lead of bullets, the constabulary going in pairs with loaded firearms, mounting guard over haystack or potato crop.

Historically Ireland has not so many shrines rich in memories as has England. But they are there fresher from the hands of time. Seldom has the restorer been at work. Rarely has the American tourist left his trail. In Raleigh's old house at Youghal, in the garden where he first smoked tobacco, in the church where he worshipped, there is to-day an unsullied impression of Elizabethan life. One can get back there to some which I at least find impossible at Shakespeare's Stratford-on-Avon, around which surge ever the hordes of trippers. And in Ireland ruins are ruins, melancholy sermons in stones, with texts from Ecclesiastes. The ruin such as one sometimes finds in England, which oweing to its popularity represents a resource of railway and other revenue, and is therefore carefully preserved, is absurd. The "preserved" ruin carries a farcical grin on its old face.

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RAN DOWN THE "HILL."

Jimmy Fidler Holds a Record In Mountain Railroad.

To Engineer Jimmy Fidler, once of the C.P.R., belongs the doubtful credit of having ridden a runaway engine the length of the Hill, which is the name for the great slope down Kicking Horse Pass in the Rockies. The railroad officials evidently thought the credit wasn't Jimmy's.

Jimmy started down the Big Hill one summer day a dozen years ago with a light engine. He let the engine get away from him and found himself approaching the first safety-switch at much more than the eight miles an hour prescribed by the time card for light engines. The runaway was already reversed to the water-brake, so all that Jimmy could do was to attempt an emergency application of the air-brake and give it sand. Having done this without producing any visible effect, Jimmy turned to the fireman with a sickly grin and shouted:

"Here goes for Field!" He reached for the whistle lever and sounded four imperious yelps to inform the switch-tender that he wanted the main line. Fearing that the signal might not be taken seriously, Jimmy repeated it, and then gave it a third and a fourth time. The switch-tender saw that the approaching engine was unmistakably running away, and the rules warned him in big, black-faced type that under such circumstances he was to leave the switch set for the spur to trap the runaway. But here was a man clearly going to destruction who wanted to meet his fate on the main line. As between obeying the rules and humoring a dying man, the switch-tender allowed Jimmy to tear down the main line, sounding a continuous succession of signals to the next switch-tender.

Such frantic reiteration was not to be disregarded. Number two switch-tender obeyed the command, and the number three did the same. The three profoundly astonished switch-tenders gazed open-mouthed after a trail of smoke disappearing in the distance. The sound of a whistle came faintly up from the direction of the smoke, for Jimmy seemed to have formed the habit.

The fireman's first impulse had been to jump, but the rocks looked hard, and Jimmy's grin caused him to hesitate until he had become too terrified to act. The engine took the sharp curves with a violence that called for the fireman's undivided attention, to keep from being thrown against the boiler-head, and having his brains knocked out. As for Jimmy, the grin had frozen upon his face. He sat up on his seat box, staring straight ahead, working the whistle lever like an automaton.

Two miles and a quarter from Field is a tunnel which marks the bottom of the steep grade. On emerging from this tunnel the runaway began to respond to the efforts that had been made to stop it. Then the two men recovered their self-possession, and looked out upon the bright world in pleased surprise at finding themselves still in it.

When they reached Field the fireman, with an earnestness born of conviction assured the excited group awaiting them that they had come down the Hill at the rate of 480 miles an hour. The unemotional records, however, showed that the actual time consumed in covering the eight miles from Hector to Field, including a stop below the tunnel, was seventeen minutes. Even this seemed to Jimmy Fidler a feat to be vaunted, for no engine had ever made the descent of the Big Hill in such fast time, and it may be added, none has ever done it since, for the average engineer is thankful for the time allowance of forty-two minutes for light engines.

The company though, did not reciprocate Jimmy's sentiments. Instead of being dismissed in the usual way, Jimmy was discharged by wire, and, as if that action were not quick enough, the message was marked "rush."

A Run on Hats.

The close of the professional lacrosse season was followed by an incident, the truth of which is vouched for by a clerk in a well-known haberdashery. One afternoon seven men came in together and took possession of the show window. The shortest member of the party, a little fat fellow with a jolly countenance, sat down in a chair and appeared to take very little interest in the other six, who proceeded to raid the hat boxes.

It took some tact and ingenuity to please them all, but the clerk did his best. One man wanted wire hats, another a long head, and as it was placed on the top of a long body, he concluded that a wide brim would take away the steeple-like effect. Another man wanted a hat which would suit a large head surmounting a small face, but he urged that he must not be made to look as though he was wearing an extinguisher. So it went on until the whole half dozen had been suited and were ready to depart satisfied with their purchases.

Then the little fat man got up from his chair, drew out a roll of bills and asked what the total cost would be. "You seem to have suited them all so well," he said, "you might see if you have a hat which would suit a bone head. Perhaps you will understand me better when I say that I was absolutely blind last May when the Toronto would win the championship of the N. L. U. and go after the Minto Cup."

Canada's Peak.

Americans try to convey to effete Europeans the impression that they have the highest mountain on the continent within their borders. Mount Logan held the record, and it is in Canadian territory. It is always speak of Mount McKinley as if it were in American territory. It is the corner post of the official boundary line between the two countries, and is as much in Canada as Uncle Sam's land. The new mountain discovered by Surveyor Riggs, which beats all records, and is the highest mountain on the continent, according to American despatches, appears to be on the American side. It is really in Canada. When the eagle wants to sit on the highest peak it will have to carry the Union Jack.

BREAD BASKET OF EMPIRE.

Just What Canada Can Do With Her Annual Wheat Output.

A recent issue of the Canadian Farm contains an interesting computation as to the bread possibilities of Canada's wheat crop. The article runs thus:

"Manitoba, Alberta and Saskatchewan produced last year almost 119,000,000 bushels of wheat. It takes five bushels of wheat to make a barrel of flour. Therefore that wheat crop is equivalent to 23,800,000 barrels of flour. Each barrel of flour makes 180 loaves of bread, weighing one and one-half pounds each. That flour, therefore, would make 4,284,000,000 loaves of bread. It is estimated that each person eats, on an average, about 130 of such loaves in a year. Finally, then, that amount of flour would keep about 33,000,000 people in bread for a year. And as Canada's population is probably under 8,000,000, Canada could have spared bread last year for 25,000,000 people, or more than half the United Kingdom's population of between 45,000,000 and 46,000,000. Not only would Canada's wheat crop of last year have given bread to so many millions; the by-product of that great wheat crop would feed 212,000 horses for a year.

In figuring out the foregoing no account has been taken of the wheat produced in the other provinces of Canada. Were that added, it would be seen that Canada could keep considerably more people of the Old Land in bread than has been stated. Canada's wheat-growing belt is four times the size of the United States, and, whereas the days of the prominence of the United States as a wheat exporting country are done, Canada is rapidly coming to the front in exporting. Western Canada's wheat production is five times what it was ten years ago. And Canada has sold Great Britain \$264,925,420 worth of grain in ten years.

Canada is distinctly making progress in wheat production, and if immigration continues at its present rate, Professor May's famous pessimistic report to the British Board of Trade will look like a last year's editorial in a party newspaper."

In the House Library.

One tall volume in the Parliamentary library at Ottawa contains all the issues of "Le Canadien," the first Canadian newspaper, which was suppressed by Governor Craig in 1810. It is a small sheet of two pages, about eighteen inches long, and it serves to remind one how far we have traveled from that time to these days of huge Saturday editions.

The oldest book in the library is "La Somme Rurale," a body of rural regulations of various kinds, published in 1580. But the book on which Mr. Descelles especially prides himself is a volume of religious meditations from the collection of Henry de La Tour. It is a beautiful book, admirably printed and illustrated, and bears on its wonderfully tooled cover the skull and motto which distinguished the books belonging to this monarch. The motto is "Spes Mea Deus." It was published in 1583. Another book which belonged to a character famous in French history is the "Cassandre" by Calprenede, which was owned by Madame Pompadour.

There are two original editions of those interminable romances which occupied the attention of ladies of leisure before the days of the novel. One is "L'Astree" by Honore d'Urfle, in fourteen volumes, published in 1622. The other is that famous work, "Le Grand Cyrus," by Scudery, which was published in 1653. This edition is wonderfully bound in morocco, and once formed part of the library of the Comtesse de Verue, a great lady of that period.

Shooting the Chute.

Councillor Shute had an experience last Thursday which he would not care to have repeated, and from which he was lucky to escape with his life. He was en route to Flesherston, and having a wayside chat with Mr. Embury, about two miles south of Markdale, and left his horse standing by the roadside. An automobile from Shelburne hove in sight over the brow of the hill, and his horse became frightened. Mr. Shute rushed to its side and grabbed the bridle, turning the horse into Mr. Embury's gate, which was open. The horse meanwhile was careering wildly, and crowded its owner into the fence, bringing his arm and leg badly and inflicting other injuries. The automobile flew past at lightning speed and paused not to see what the result of its wild flight had been. The horse was finally brought to a standstill, uninjured, the buggy shaft was broken and other damage caused, and Mr. Shute is still nursing a number of bruises on his body from his close contact with the fence.—Owen Sound Advertiser.

Angling for Barley.

It is not an unusual occurrence in this vicinity to see people fishing for fish, but the past week one of our farmers was seen fishing for barley, not with a rod and line but with an old-time cradle. Of course, we must blame Monday's heavy rains for it. On several occasions the cradles were drawn in grain raised by two teams hitched to the wagon and the wheels well nigh to the axle in mud. Now harvesting is past and again resorting from place to place we have the whistles of the threshing engine—Cedarville cor. Mount Forest Representative.

Good-Bye, Doggie.

Frank Nichol was bitten by a dog last week. The dog was a number of years running loose and unmuzzled. I thought we had an inspector appointed for that work. The dog will not be better waked up or there will be trouble. Cross dogs are running free from Adelaide village to the town. Farmers have taken the law in their own hands, and will shoot every dog that runs at large, or if your dog does not come home just say "good-bye, doggie" and make no fuss.—Anthony Age.

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"The collecting, mounting and describing of the specimens must be the work of the pupils of the school, and must not interfere with the regular work of the school."

On page 11 of the Ontario Agriculture College bulletin No. 128 (The Weeds of Ontario) there is a list of the 23 weeds coming under the Seed Control Act. Samples of those weeds only are to be collected, pressed and mounted for the competition.

"All parts of the plant, root, stem, flower and seed must be shown. If necessary to show all these parts more than one mount may be made for a single plant. It will add to the value of the collection if the different stages of the plant life are shown, particularly in the case of biennials and perennials."

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The first prize for the best collection will be \$8.00, second prize \$6.00, third prize \$4.00, fourth prize \$2.00.

On the programme of the Teachers' Convention for 1911 information as to the place and date of the judging will be given.

W. MACKINTOSH, P. S. Inspector.

Chatterton Chips

Jas. Fargery is improving his herd of cattle, having purchased a male and female pedigree Durham from R. Bonnycastle, Campbellford. They are beauties.

Some of our boys have been working on the Seymour power line for some time and seem to like it.

The annual meeting of the Eclipse cheese factory was held last Friday, and gave a good record for the season. The debt they incurred by the burning of the factory a few years ago is nearly wiped out. Success to them.

And now the clover thresher has the floor and there is quite a lot to thresh in this neighborhood.

Chas. Vanderwater is preparing to change his barn over into a modern bank barn with cement basement and other improvements which will make it up to date, and he needs it.

Apples are coming up in G. and very poor quality at that. The shippers should make some money this year.

The weather is unseasonably cold lately, the thermometer has kept pretty close to zero for some days.

Why doesn't somebody stir up the municipal elections? You wouldn't think such a thing was at hand.

December Rod and Gun

A Christmas flavor, with an abundance of light reading, marks the December number of the Rod and Gun in Canada, published by W. J. Taylor, Woodstock, Ontario. Included are some notable articles. Mr. Bonnycastle Dale tells of the contrasts to be found at this season of the year on the Pacific Coast as compared with other portions of Canada; while the delights of a canoe trip in New Brunswick with the exhilarating experience of days of rapid water are well described by Mr. S. B. Bustin. Big game hunters are not forgotten, and a paper by Dr. Edward Breck on European and American mammals is calculated to give all interested in game problems in this country much food for thought. Crisp bright verses, with an old time story, and many other good things complete a number that for variety and interest is the equal of any that have ever gone before, and well sustains the reputation which the Magazine has achieved.

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County Council

The County Council met at Belleville on Tuesday, December 6th. Nearly all the Reeves and deputy Reeves were present. The accustomed place of the late Dr. A. S. Leavitt, reeve of Bancroft village, was not filled, but was draped in black in his memory.

His Honor, Warden W. R. Mather, in opening the session expressed his pleasure at seeing so many members present at the last session of the year. But there was one member absent by reason of death, namely Dr. A. S. Leavitt, who had passed away to the great majority. He was also called upon to regretfully announce that Mr. Nathaniel Vermilyea, reeve of Thurlow, would not be able to take his place owing to a serious accident on Saturday last.

Warden Mather was not certain what would develop during the December session. All were certain, however, that Tuesday's afternoon sitting would be light, in preparation for the more arduous work of the succeeding days. He then called upon the County Clerk, Mr. Chapman to read the minutes of the last session.

These were read and confirmed. At this juncture Mr. John R. Cook Harold, moved, seconded by Mr. Wm. H. Kells of Queensboro, that the council adjourn until Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock out of respect to the memory of the late Dr. Leavitt.

The motion was carried unanimously.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

The County Council resumed its session at 10 o'clock, all the members being present except Mr. N. Vermilyea.

A number of communications were read and filed, and referred to the various committees.

Reeve Thompson read the report of the Finance and Public Property committee. It regretted the enforced absence of Mr. N. Vermilyea, chairman.

The twenty year \$20,000 debentures had been disposed of to Aemulius Jarvis & Co. of Toronto for \$20,682.

Herbert Eggleton lost his life by the collapse of Robinson's bridge in Madoc township. The claim has been settled for \$3,500.

John Carman's claim for damages through his children falling through Robinson's bridge had been settled for \$181.

The deputation which had been sent to the Provincial and Dominion Governments regarding bridges had meant a saving of \$34,500 to the county. The expenses were to be charged to the Frankford bridge.

The C. N. R. had entered into an agreement with the council for the right of passing through the House of Refuge property for \$1,750.

The coal contracts had been let and electric lights installed in the County buildings.

Regarding the grant to the Stirling High School, the committee recommended that a deputation be heard from the Stirling School Board.

Mr. Charles Ketcheson in moving the adoption of the report spoke on the matter of bridges and the administration of justice. The county building would be used as a council chamber until disposed of.

Mr. P. P. Clarke in seconding the motion, spoke of the administration of justice and the bridge question.

Messrs Sils and Kells also spoke on the report.

The motion for the adoption of the report carried.

The report stated that the county had expended \$21,000 on repairs to roads, which was not excessive, considering the fact that each mile of the 600 repaired cost \$35. The committee was pleased to comment on the admirable state of the roads in the county of Hastings, which were said to be the best in the Province.

The question of bridges was considered very minutely. The weakness of the whole bridge system of the county should be laid bare to insure safety to the travelling public. There are 259 old wooden bridges under the council's jurisdiction. The design is faulty, and the conditions formerly existing now no longer exist. When these were built heavy traffic was not anticipated. They had virtually lived out their usefulness. During the year 70 bridges had been repaired, but six had collapsed causing one death, namely, that of Herbert Eggleton, engineer. The committee questioned the advisability of

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DAY OF REJOICING

How Christmas is Observed in Many Lands

Christmas is a historic and world-wide festival. It belongs alike to the Protestant, Catholic and Greek Churches. It is essentially a day of thanksgiving and rejoicing—a day of good cheer. Though Christians celebrate it as a Christian festival, the festivities that mark the epoch are part of the universal history of the race. To investigate the origin of many of its customs it becomes necessary to wander far back into the regions of past time, long before Julius Caesar set his foot on Britain's shores or St. Augustine preached the doctrines of Christianity to the men of Kent. In pagan Rome and Greece, in the days of the Teutonic barbarians, in the remote times of ancient Egyptian civilization, in the infancy of the race, East and West and North and South, the period of the winter solstice was ever a period of rejoicing and festivity.

The holly and the mistletoe are a survival of ancient Druidical worship, the Christmas carol is a new birth, purified and exalted, of the hymns of the Saturnalia; the Christmas banquet is a reminiscence of the feasts given in honor of ancient gods and goddesses, when, as Cato said of the analogous feasts in imperial Rome commemorating the birth of Cybele, the prospect that drew one thither was "not so much the pleasure of eating and of drinking as that of finding one's self among his friends and of conversing with them." The very idea of the Child-God, which gives its meaning to the Feast of the Nativity, was prefigured and foretold in the infant gods of the Greek, the Egyptian, the Hindu and the Buddhist. Great as is the feast, nobody knows anything definite about its origin, nobody knows who first celebrated it, or when or where or how.

Two popular observances belonging to Christmas are most especially derived from the grim mythology and worship of our pagan ancestors, the hanging up of the mistletoe and the burning of the yule log. The former comes from the Danes, the latter from the Scandinavian. The whole festival is a combination of quaint and historic customs.

In some places, as in Suabia, it is customary for maidens, inquisitive as to their future lovers, to draw a stick of wood out of a heap to see whether he will be long or short, crooked or straight. At other times they will pour melted lead into cold water and from the figures formed prognosticate the trade or profession of the future husband. The maidens of Pfullingen, when they wish to ascertain which of them will first become a wife, form a circle, and place within it a blindfolded gander, and the one to whom he first goes is the coming bride. The Tyrolean peasants, on the "knocking night," listen at the baking ovens. If they hear music it signifies an early wedding, but if the ringing of bells it forebodes the death of the listener.

And the scene of Jacob's ladder is reenacted. Throughout northern Germany the tables are spread and lights left burning during the entire night that the Virgin Mary and the angel who passes when everybody sleeps may find something to eat. In certain parts of Austria they put candles in the windows that the Christ Child may not stumble in passing through the

village. There is also a wide-spread opinion that a pack of wolves, which were no other than wicked men transformed into wolves, committed great havoc on Christmas night.

In Germany the decoration of the house begins as early as the morning of Dec. 24th. One room, from which all save "die mutter" is rigidly excluded, contains the Christmas tree and all the presents, set in a shining row upon the table. Greens are hung from the window and door, and garlands upon the walls. Upon the dining table a great cold supper is spread. Family and guests begin to gather at five o'clock. The children's eyes are glued to the sliding doors which are presently to open and disclose the tree. Six o'clock—a bell rings. Back swings the portal, and there it stands, resplendent with lights and tinsel. The children pounce upon it. Everybody kisses everybody else, and for two or three hours the cares of life are forgotten. Then the late supper and to bed. Thus the German Christmas is well over before the day arrives, the day being spent in paying and receiving visits.

Christmas Eve is a fete in Paris, and the Grand Boulevard possesses a character distinctive of the occasion. The "reveillon," or Christmas Eve supper, is more important to the Frenchman than the Christmas dinner, and the indulgence in it may somewhat account for the general atmosphere of almost gloomy abstinence that seems to hang over Paris on Christmas Day. Impetuous clerks and reckless Latin Quarter students go dinnerless for a week before that they may participate in the "reveillon."

In the rural life of Russia, Christmas Eve is an important event. At sunset young and old assemble in the principal street of the village, and, forming a procession, visit the houses of notable, where they sing carols and receive coppers in return. This is called the "Kolenda," and is followed by a masquerade. As soon as the evening star appears above the horizon, the colatzia, or supper, is served, and is religious in its character.

In no land is Christmas more generally celebrated than in Scandinavia. The courts are closed, old quarrels are adjusted and feuds forgotten. A pretty symbol of the spirit that reigns is the Yuletide practice of placing in a row every pair of shoes in each household, typifying that during the year the family will live together in peace and harmony.

A Christmas celebration in Peru has peculiar features. The streets and squares are crowded with gaily dressed people. Doves of asses are to be seen in every direction, laden with fruits, bouquets from the mountains, liquors and other merchandise. Ice stalls, provided with chairs and benches, are crowded by the perspiring pleasure-seekers, who find ice necessary on sultry Christmas.

The ante-bellum period in the Southern States was signalled by a special celebration at Christmas-tide, handed down from those English folk, gentle and simple, who first peopled Virginia and the Carolinas, and whose descendants have spread over the face of the country south of Mason and Dixon's line.

CHRISTMAS CANDIES.

Cream Candies. Beat the whites of four eggs to a stiff froth, add five tablespoons of cold water and flavor to the taste. Stir a little and put in confectioner's sugar until stiff enough to mix, and work it into a dough like bread. The proportion of one white of an egg and one and one-half tablespoons cream or water and one pound of sugar are about right. Mold this in any desired form and let it harden a few hours. Kneading a little improves this candy. Make the cream as above and roll out in a sheet one-half inch thick and place nuts—almonds, English walnuts or halves of hickory nuts—in rows, one half inch apart each way, and press down; cut in squares, with a nut in each square. Any kind of fruit, dates, figs, cherries, or raisins may be prepared in the same manner.

Sausage Candy.—One-half pound grated sweet chocolate and an inch square of bitter chocolate. Six tablespoons of sugar, a little less than one-quarter pound of almonds cut up into small pieces to represent fat specks. Two whites of eggs beaten to a stiff froth; vanilla. Put whites of eggs in a pan on stove, when warm put in chocolate, sugar and almonds, let boil up a few

minutes, take from stove and stir until cool, when stiff enough to handle, put on board or paper and roll to form a sausage, roll now and then until cool to keep in shape and put granulated sugar on your board which is to represent the skin. Let stand long enough to harden and then cut with sharp knife like sausage.

Date and Nut Creams.—For the cream the whites of two eggs, put into a tumbler, measure how high it comes up in the glass, then pour into a bowl, then pour as much water as will equal the amount of eggs, mix and beat thoroughly. Flavor with a half teaspoonful of vanilla and lemon. Sift in two pounds of sugar—powdered and well sifted—beat until smooth and easily handled.

Walnut Creams.—Crack the nuts carefully, remove the meat whole, divide in half. Take a lump of cream and press half a walnut into each side, roll in sugar and dry. These delicious candies wrapped in wax paper and put in a dainty box will make a fine addition to the stock of Christmas gifts.

If you have a tree mark a larik instead of labor of decorating.



TELLING SANTA CLAUS WHAT SHE WANTS.

CHRISTMAS DISHES

Cream dates make a pretty dessert. Take some fine dates, slit the fruit down one side and remove the stone, and with a pen-knife take out any dry skin from the inside. Fill the cavity with almond paste made into the shape of the date stone, leaving it to show a little, which gives it the appearance of the date having burst open.

Orange Cake.—Cream together three ounces of castor sugar and three ounces of butter, then add three well-beaten eggs. When thoroughly beaten sift in gradually the grated rind of an orange, and half a pound of flour, with which is mixed a teaspoonful of baking powder. Beat well and place in a greased tin. Bake in a quick oven for an hour; when cold cover with orange icing.

A Simple Christmas Pudding.—Raisins, currants, flour and suet, three-quarters of a pound each; half a pound of bread crumbs, two eggs, half a pound of treacle with a teaspoonful of ginger. Warm the treacle and add a little milk. Mix all the ingredients together. Be sure to have the suet chopped very finely and the fruit carefully prepared. Boil at least eight hours and three more the day of serving.

Mince-meat.—Half a pound of chopped suet, half a pound of stoned raisins, half a pound of chopped currants, half a pound of chopped apples, three-quarters of a pound of mixed peel finely chopped, three-quarters of a pound of sugar, and spice to taste. Mix the ingredients well together, place them in jars and then add two wine-glassfuls of brandy. If the mince-meat is kept for a long time

a little more brandy may be added from time to time.

Rich Christmas Pudding.—Half a pound of beef suet, quarter of a pound of flour, quarter of a pound of bread crumbs, half a pound of stoned raisins, half a pound of currants, two pieces of candied peel. Mix these ingredients with three well-beaten eggs in which two wine-glassfuls of brandy have been stirred. Mix all thoroughly, and fill basins quite full of the pudding mixture, pressing it well down. Tie a floured cloth over and boil at a gallop for ten hours. The day of serving boil the pudding four hours more.

Mince-meat Fritters.—Take eight ounces of good mince-meat and mix thoroughly with two ounces of stale cake crumbs. The remains of sponge, Maderia, macaroons, etc., will serve excellently. Add one dessertspoonful of sherry, the juice of half a lemon, and two eggs well beaten. Have ready a pan containing a good supply of well clarified dripping, and when boiling drop in dessertspoonfuls of the mixture, which have been rolled in a little flour. Fry for eight minutes, drain thoroughly, and sift castor sugar over.

CHRISTMAS ADVICE.

You will give more pleasure with a thoughtful gift than with an expensive one.

If the panic or any other upset has made it impossible for you to give as usual write letters instead. Your friends will like you all the better, sure.

A gift is supposed to represent your wealth of affection, not your bank balance.

Mail everything your friends before Christmas, and mark the packages "Open Christmas."

Don't leave letters and cards till the last moment. Write them at your convenience and hold them till the proper time.

CHRISTMAS GIVING

Christmas is a symbol. Christmas giving is symbolic, says Appleton's for December. The importance of the symbol is the importance of that for which it stands. Christmas commemorates the birth of Christ, the birth of Christianity. It symbolizes brotherly love, helpfulness to one another, unselfish giving. Of symbols we stand in peculiar need. We are a practical people, we are a commercial people, we have a country of vast material wealth. It is hard to be true to our ideals. Without symbols it would be impossible.

We are men and not machines. We have hearts and imaginations as well as brains and bodies. Unless we feed our brains and bodies they starve. Unless we feed our hearts and imaginations they starve. There are in the Bible no truer words than "Man cannot live by bread alone."

All things good can be put to bad use. Some people so use Christmas. A certain woman said to her family shortly before Christmas, "I am afraid you will find my presents very mean this year. The fact is, I had to spend so much on people I didn't want to give to that I had very little left to spend on you. Some odious women whom I never thought of sent me presents last Christmas. I know they just wanted to make me uncomfortable. I got ahead of them this year! I sent them more expensive things than they will ever dream of sending me. Besides, I have several extra presents as a safeguard. If people I haven't thought of send me things, I'll just mail these right off to them." Was it blessed to give or receive such presents? The presents for the unknown people suggest the Athenian's temples to the unknown god. The suggestion is pertinent. This woman's giving was pagan—not Christian. She was worse than the man who would have no Christmas nonsense.

A young girl with several million dollars in her own right was showing her Christmas presents to her friends. They were magnificent. They represented thousands of dollars. The friends gasped with admiration. To their amazement they found that whatever else they admired, they must admire a funny little old-fashioned dolly. It was of cheap materials and hideous colors. The young girl appeared to care more for it than for all her costly presents. Why? It had been made for her by a little old woman who eked out her threadbare existence by selling flagrant. It's not the gift, it's the giver. It's not the act, it's the spirit back of the act. You can't buy Christmas any more than you can buy a home. You can buy a house, but you can't buy a home. You can buy Christmas presents and Christmas trees, but you can't buy Christmas.

THE CHRISTMAS STOCKING.

This Children's Custom Comes From Holland.

The habit of hanging up a stocking on Christmas Eve is by no means a universal one. Holland is practically the only country in Europe where children take this means of reminding St. Nicholas of his duty, and it is doubtless from Holland that both the stocking and "St. Nic." came to America. As for the other countries, they are contented with "something just as good."

In Belgium the children fill their shoes with beans and carrots on Christmas Eve, and set them in the chimney-place for the good saint's horse. In the morning they expect to find them filled with sweetmeats and fruit in return for their good behavior during the year.

Bohemian children listen anxiously on Christmas Eve for the chariot and white horses of the Christ-child, as he comes flying through the air with his Krippe full of presents; but the Italian children go gravely with their parents to the churches and cathedrals, to see the Bambino, who presents them with their Christmas gifts.

The Spanish children hide their shoes or slippers in the bushes on Christmas Eve; and find them filled with fruit and sugar plums on Christmas morning.

In France the young people steal their shoes in a convenient place for the good Pre Noel to drop gifts in; sometimes, if the shoe of a bad boy is among them, he finds a whip in it in the morning. Very different is the feeling of the German child; he waits with feelings of mingled awe and pleasure for the coming awe and pleasure of the personages, the Christ-child and the "Knecht Kuppert." The latter person questions naughty children, and threatens them with punishment, till the Christ-child's intercession saves the culprit and wins its pardon. Then these two Christmas apparitions lay down their burden of gifts and depart.

The English child's Christmas has none of the delightful features, except the Christmas tree, lighted with tapers and hung with gifts; but he has the Christmas-box, and the evening is spent in all sorts of sports, such as snap-dragon, blind-man's bluff, and some more modern games.

In the Scandinavian countries the shoes of all the family are cleaned very carefully, and brightly polished on Christmas Eve, and set in a row before the hearthstone, to indicate that during the coming year everything will be peaceful and pleasant in the family. In the country places almost every family spreads a table with good cheer, and then the doors are left open so any one may come in as a guest. The person who wishes to give a present wraps it up in a quantity of straw and paper, and slyly flings it in at the door or window when no one is in sight.

HOLIDAY CANDIES.

Nut Creams.—Mold into fanciful shapes fondant flavored according to taste, and place a piece of walnut meat or a blanched almond on top of each piece as soon as molded.

Lemon and Orange Creams.—Use in place of water in making the fondant the same amount of lemon juice or of orange juice and proceed as in making chocolate creams.

Coconut Creams.—While the fondant is hot add a small package of shredded coconut. Stir until the mixture becomes thick and creamy. Pack in a lightly buttered pan and mark off in squares.

Fig Creams.—A novelty may be made by adding to the fondant before molding, figs chopped fine. The fig fondant may be dipped like other creams in chocolate or melted fondant as desired, or simply molded.

Chocolate Bars.—Make fondant with vanilla or any flavor desired, and put a layer about three-quarters of an inch deep in a pan. Mark off in oblong bars after a day or two and dip one side in melted chocolate. A nut or piece of candied fruit may be placed on top if desired.

Peppermint Creams.—Begin as for fondant and cook, flavoring with peppermint. Instead of pouring out to cool, stir until the mixture begins to get cloudy. Drop on the marbled cloth. Another way is to make the regular fondant, flavoring it with peppermint, and then to melt it and drop it. This makes the better peppermints, as they are more creamy.

Malaga Grapes.—Choose fresh Malaga grapes, or so-called white grapes, and with scissors clip them from the bunch, leaving a short stem on each. Melt vanilla flavored or plain fondant, and dip the grapes in it, being careful not to loosen the stems, because if the juice escapes, it will soften the fondant and spoil the appearance and flavor of the candy, making it sticky and shapeless.

Chocolate Creams.—Work into the plain fondant some vanilla extract. Cut off small pieces and mold them with the fingers into small acorn-shaped cones. Remember that dipping increases the size, so that they will not need to be as large before dipping as you wish them to be when finished. Set them on a marbled cloth placed on a board or stiff piece of cardboard, so that they may be easily moved. Let them harden a few minutes, the longer the better. Melt two squares or more of chocolate in a shallow dish set in hot water, and leave the dish containing the chocolate in the hot water when dipping the balls, so that the chocolate will not harden. If one cannot get a regular bon-bon dipper, a spoon and a knife can be substituted to good advantage. Drop a fondant ball into the melted chocolate, move it about until it is well covered with chocolate, slide the knife under the flat side with the right hand, and holding the spoon in the left hand to steady things, lift the chocolate cream out, and place it carefully on the marbled cloth. Either sweet chocolate or plain may be used, as desired. Do not leave the balls in the hot chocolate any longer than is necessary to give them a complete coating, as they soften easily and lose shape. Also dip only one at a time.

"YOU'RE A BRICK."

"He's a brick." The expression is frequently used at Christmas-time to express the opinion that the person referred to is a good sort; but how many know the origin of the phrase?

Years and years ago, it is related, a famous king sent an ambassador to another great monarch. The ambassador arrived at the Court of the latter ruler, was surprised to find that there were no walls round the city, and expressed his astonishment to his host.

"Why have you no walls for the city?"

"But we have," answered the king.

"Where?" demanded the ambassador.

The king then pointed to his large army, and said, with a smile of confidence:

"There are the walls of my city. Every man you see is a brick!"



JOLLY SANTA CLAUS.

COUNTY COUNCIL
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letting men control investigations such as followed the accident, who do not give the jury a fair presentation of the case. The committee advised the inauguration of a new era by the construction of 9,100 feet of modern bridges, costing about \$400,000, of which the county's share would be about \$300,000. To raise this sum on twenty-year debentures at 5 per cent would cost \$24,070 per year for twenty years. At present the county is expending \$10,000 on repairs to old bridges. The extra amount to be raised would only be \$14,070, which meant a tax of 80 cents on every \$1,000 of taxable property. This slightly increased the tax but would guarantee safety to the traveling public.

Messrs Anderson moved, seconded by Mr. Lancaster, that the report be referred to the committee of the whole.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

Mr. Hubble moved, seconded by Mr. Maloney, that Mr. Hamilton of Madoc, who was present be heard.

Mr. W. T. Hamilton met with an accident on his farm five years ago whereby his two legs were lost, then spoke. As he was unable to work he had tried auctioneering and made a good start. He requested that an auctioneer's license be given him gratis.

On a motion the matter was referred to the committee of the whole on ways and means.

Mr. W. S. Martin, Stirling, spoke on behalf of the Stirling High School. He regretted that some of the older members of the council were not present. Many, he was pleased to see were still doing good work in the interests of the county. The Stirling High School Board did not wish to be misunderstood and was present in the interest of the school. The agricultural department had benefited the community a great deal. The speaker believed too much attention was given to the making of a living in education. There was nothing better than to place a child in a position to battle against the world. The reputation of the Stirling High School is such that pupils are coming from all over the county. The buildings are not suitable, and in consequence some scholars cannot be accommodated. The additions will cost a great deal so as to put the school on an approved basis. Remains some higher than were anticipated. The county's share depends on the percentage of county pupils. 73.1-2 per cent of the pupils come from the county. 25 pupils come from Stirling and 19 from Sidney township.

Dr. Faulkner, Stirling, presented the financial, legal and equitable aspect of the case, and asked a reasonable adjustment of accounts between the council and the school board. Dr. Faulkner had been forty years a member of the latter. The Stirling High School Board would ask no assistance in the additions to the school. The matter was settled by law. The enrollment for last year was 122 pupils, ninety of which came from all over the county. Inspector Clarke had urged the improvements so as to raise the standard. The percentage of county pupils increased year by year.

The cost of maintenance and repairs, however, had to be borne between the county and the board. Dr. Faulkner presented the statement as prepared by the consulting architect, Mr. F. R. Houston. The cost of maintaining the twenty-five pupils from Stirling is \$18,000, or slightly over \$20 a scholar. If the standard of the school is to be kept up these expenses have to be met. The cost of the repairs and the construction of the new buildings would reach \$12,000. A by-law has been passed for the issue of debentures. The increase in salaries of teachers this year amounts to \$300. The repairs and maintenance, according to Mr. F. R. Houston would cost \$4,535, of which 73 per cent might be legally extracted from the county by law. The school board, however, would not ask the full amount.

Mr. Hubble moved, seconded by Mr. Maloney, that the warden appoint a sub-committee to meet with the delegation of the school board on the matter, the sub-committee to report at once.

This motion was carried.

The warden then appointed Mr. Kell, Hubble and Cook to compose the sub-committee.

They once retired and consulted with the board.

Mr. Howes, of the 8th concession of Tyendinaga, who had been in regard to a grievance he had with the county. His fences had been torn down by the county officials to allow of traffic while Chisholm's bridge was under construction. By this means he lost a calf, he had to keep his horses in, seven acres of clover had gone to waste and he had been deprived of 14 bushels of clover seed, besides losing much valuable time. He thought \$80 a fair amount of damages to ask of the county, although this would not pay him for his loss and trouble.

The matter was referred to the committee of the whole on ways and means.

THURSDAY MORNING.

A communication was received from Mr. Anderson regarding the duties of High County Constable in relation to the constabulary of the county. After some discussion the matter was left in the hands of Dr. Bowly, Messrs Clark and Ketcheson to report at the January session.

Mr. Mallory, county treasurer, presented a report of expenditures on approved roads to the amount of \$21,541.24. A little more would be expended before the year was out. The government would refund one-third of this.

The bridges on approved roads cost \$33,439.33. Roads which were accounted for about \$300 more. \$214 worth of machinery had been procured, one-third of this to be paid for by the government. Approved roads and bridges amounted to \$19,539.50. On Glen Ross bridge was expended \$19,839.39; Chisholm's bridge \$10,871.32; the boundary bridge between Belleville and the concrete work \$4,269.20; concrete work for Fairfield's bridge \$16,531.10, and a couple of minor bridges made up \$554.31. Between Trenton and Belleville \$521.83 had been expended on gravel and repairs to one culvert.

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Lucas E. Allen, county engineer, presented an estimate, which was filed, of the Frankford bridge over the Trent river. The cost would be about \$40,000. He advised that operations be begun during the winter on the concrete, as the winter would be so high in the spring as to prevent work.

Mr. Allen also presented a memorandum of a conference between a committee of the council and the Hon. Mr. Graham, Minister of Railways and Canals.

A further communication from Mr. Allen was read. It was concerned with the wooden style of bridge which is not safe after twenty years use. He advised steel construction with cement floors. Estimates of cost were drawn from Chisholm's and Poucher's bridge.

The matter was referred to the committee of the whole on ways and means.

Mr. Cook gave notice that he would introduce to-morrow a by-law to appoint county auditors.

Mr. Montgomery gave notice that he would introduce a by-law on Friday to have a cedar bridge in Rawdon township assumed by the county council.

After much discussion, Mr. W. T. Hamilton was granted an auctioneer's license gratis.

Mr. Harry Kingston presented a claim for \$75 for the loss of a Holstein cow and injury to others by falling through Hobson's bridge in July last.

By Dorothy Hawkins, who fell through the same bridge.

Mr. Kirk moved seconded by Mr. Hanna, that no action be taken.

Mr. Thompson moved seconded by Mr. Sills, that the chairman of gravel roads deal with the matter and have power to accept.

The warden left the chair at 12 o'clock.

The balance of the county council report is held over until next week.

To Raise a Big Mission Fund

Methodists to Give a Million and a Half Extra

A unique effort is to be made by the Methodist Church in Canada to meet the demands of the West arising from the rapid increase of population there, particularly the large influx of foreigners, and also to provide the plant and equipment considered absolutely necessary to meet the obligations which the Church has assumed in the foreign field, especially in West China. To compass these aims, fifty men, representing all sections of the Dominion, forty-three of them being laymen, have resolved to raise a million and a half of dollars over and above the regular contributions to the Mission Funds.

No general appeal is to be made to the congregations of Methodism, but it was unanimously decided after full discussion to solicit a sum of \$300,000 annually for a period of five years, for the objects stated, from those who feel able to give more largely than they are at present doing to the general fund.

Immigration to Canada

For the last fiscal year the total immigration was 208,794, and according to present indications the total for the current fiscal year will be between \$30,000 and \$50,000.

Reports of Canadian immigration agents in Europe and in the United States are very optimistic as to the prospects for a very large influx of immigrants next year. The department expects that the figures for the coming fiscal year will show a total immigration of at least half a million.

The Marmora Herald says: Mr. J. W. Pearce was in Toronto last week with a deputation from the County Council. The County will have about 200 bridges to rebuild in the next five years, and the question considered was how to raise the money for this purpose. There was also some questions in connection with the accounts of the superintendent of gravel roads and the administration of justice which were satisfactorily settled. Mr. Pearce has certainly never spared time nor means in his efforts to further the interests of the County of Hastings, and is deserving of a lot of credit for what he has accomplished along various lines.

If you are suffering from biliousness, indigestion, chronic headache, invest one cent in a postal card, send to Chamberlain Medicine Co., Des Moines, Iowa, with your name and address plainly on the back, and they will forward you free sample of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. Sold by all dealers.

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Captain and Parson.

"Can you box the compass, captain?" asked a clergyman, passing up the lakes on one of the C.P.R. boats. "Ever since I was so high," laughed the captain; "learned it with my A B C's."

"Let's hear you," pleaded the clergyman.

The captain began at the north and ran around—north, north by east, nor-nor-east, nor-east by north, north-east etc., so quickly that the clergyman was deeply impressed. He looked admiringly at the captain for a moment and then said, hopefully: "Captain, can you box the compass backward?"

"Sure," said the captain. "Start from wherever you like—frontwards or backwards."

"Let's hear you," pleaded the clergyman again, as though it were music.

"North, north by west, nor-nor-west, nor-west by north—" the captain ran round the compass again and backwards with the facility he had traveled the other way.

"And now," said he, when finished, "you are a minister. Can you recite the Ten Commandments?"

"Yes," acknowledged the clergyman, smiling. "I can."

"Well, we'll see who's best up in his profession," declared the captain. Let's hear you recite the Ten Commandments backwards."

The preacher reniged.

Drum Tap Messages.

Writing from German Africa, a European tourist says: "We found here in the dense forest, among people who know nothing of modern scientific discoveries, a good and practical wireless telephone. The natives have for purposes of ceremony, peaceful warfare, drums of various dimensions, made of wood and these, when beaten, emit sounds of about an octave in range. Aside from the ceremonies, the drums are used also as means of communication, and the manner of striking, the number of strokes, the pauses, etc., make up words and sentences which are readily understood for miles around. We had proof of it one day. Our caravan was ready to start when our head servant stopped suddenly in his work, listened intently and then gave unmistakable signs of distress. We learned later that the indistinct sounds conveyed to him the news that a boy had been born to his brother in a neighboring village."

The Palindrome.

A palindrome is a line or phrase that reads the same backward as forward. The Latin language is full of such linguistic freaks. The English has but few. One, at least, is inimitable. It represents our first parent politely introducing himself to Eve in these words: "Madam, I'm Adam."

From the Latin we have, "Roma tibi subit motibus ibit amor" (Rome, love will come to you suddenly, with violence).

Needs No Lightning Rod.

A building 9,000 feet above sea level should be protected by lightning rods, one thinks, but the astronomical observatory at Mount Etna has not and does not need such protection. The observatory is near the summit of the volcano, and the stream of vapor constantly rising from the crater acts as a natural conductor, drawing the electricity out of the clouds, so that lightning is seldom seen there.

Put His Foot Down.

"What we must do," thundered the politician, walking rapidly down the street beside his bored acquaintance—"what we Englishmen must do is to put our foot down firmly on these foreign imports." And, to show that he could practice as well as preach, at that moment he put his foot down on the skin of an imported brinna. And his friend walked on alone.

The death sentence passed on Mary Dolan and James McNulty at Barrie, for the murder of their infant, has been commuted to life imprisonment.

NOTICE is hereby given that a By-law numbered 285 was passed by the Council of the Municipality of the Village of Stirling, on the 25th day of November, A. D. 1910, providing for the issue of debentures to the amount of \$12,000, for the purpose of making permanent improvements to the High School in the Village of Stirling, and that the said By-law was registered in the Registry Office of the County of Hastings, at the City of Belleville, on the 29th day of November, A. D. 1910.

Any motion to quash or set aside the same, or any part thereof, must be made within three months after the first publication of this Notice, and cannot be made thereafter.

Dated the first day of December, 1910.

JAMES CURRIE,
Clerk of the Village of Stirling.

Swamp Elm Wanted

I will buy good, straight, standing swamp elm from any persons who have any for sale, delivered at the mill or in the woods.

JOHN MORGAN, Spring Brook.

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Two hundred acres, parts of lots 16 and 17, con. 7, township of Rawdon. Good buildings, well watered and in good state of cultivation. A good young orchard of 300 fruit trees and an old orchard of 70 fruit trees. Six miles from Stirling. For further particulars apply to

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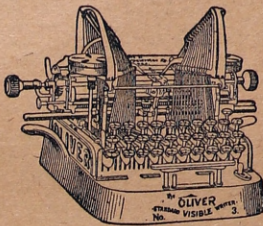
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PERSONALS.

Mrs. Joyce, Toronto, is in town for a few
days.

Mr. R. H. Pearce, Madoc, was in town
on Sunday.

Mr. R. S. Merfield, Peterboro, spent
Sunday at the home of Mr. Jas. Currie.

Miss Flossie Eggleton left on Saturday
last for her home in Foxboro.

Mrs. Livingstone leaves this evening to
spend the winter with her brother in
Peterboro.

Miss Wardrope, Belleville, has accepted a
position as stenographer in Mr. G. G.
Thrasher's office.

Obituary

MRS. MARGARET SINE

Was called from the Church Militant
to the Church of the Triumphant, Saturday
morning, December 3rd, after a lingering
illness of cancer, at her home in
Elba, Michigan, aged 64 years and 22
days. Margaret E. Sine was born at
Stirling, Ontario, November 10th, 1856;
was united in marriage to Myers Sine
at his parents home, January 7th, 1879,
removing to Michigan in May 1886.
One son, Arthur, was born to them in
November 1879 and died March 17th,
1905.

Mrs. Sine was gifted with a refined
and gentle disposition which won her
many friends wherever she lived. She
was an ambitious and energetic worker
in the Ladies' Aid and the Church, striv-
ing for the good of all, and she will be
greatly missed. For twelve weeks she
lay on her couch in intense suffering,
which she bore with patience and sub-
mission, tenderly cared for by a loving
husband and sisters. Anxiously await-
ing the call of the Master, she gave
bright evidence that all was well, that
she was going to dwell in the Celestial
City. She leaves to mourn her loss, be-
sides her husband and two grandchild-
ren, three sisters—Mrs. Elizabeth
Clark of Reese, Mrs. Helen Shetler of
Toronto and Mrs. L. G. Herrington of
Ottawa, Michigan. The funeral was held
from the Methodist Church, Elba,
at 10 a. m., Monday, December 5th;
Rev. C. H. Lohnes of Davidson, preach-
ing an impressive sermon, taking for
his text, "In my Father's House are
many mansions," John 14: 2, the choir
singing hymns of her selection. "Will
there be any stars in my crown?" and
"Nearer my God to Thee." Interment
was made in Wood Lawn Cemetery, Col-
umbia, beside the remains of her
son, Arthur. The casket was banked
with beautiful flowers. The Ancient
Orders of Gleaners presented their em-
blem in flowers in the form of a sickle.
"There is no death, the stars go down
To shine upon some fairer shore
And bright in Heaven's jewelled crown
They shine for evermore."

Mrs. L. G. HERRINGTON,
Ottawa, Mich.

Madoc Junction Items

Our former pastor, Rev. G. E. Ross
of Eldorado, passed through this neigh-
borhood on Thursday last and called on
several of his old friends.

Mr. Wm. Fitchett has been quite ill
with La Grippe.

Rev. W. H. Clarke and family of
Stirling spent a day with his mother
Mrs. J. H. Clarke.

Mrs. Wm. French and son, Melville,
have returned after spending a few days
with her uncle, Mr. B. Sparrow of Bles-
sington.

Mrs. Phil. Carr of Lindsay spent a
few days the guest of her mother, Mrs.
S. Stapley.

Miss A. Clarke and Miss C. Com-
mings of Stirling spent a day this week
with Mrs. J. M. Clarke.

Mrs. J. Cryen of Belleville, and Mrs.
E. Irwin of Foxboro, have been visiting
their mother, Mrs. Ed. Bennett.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Eggleton of
Marmora are the guests of his sister,
Mrs. A. W. Andrews.

Mr. B. Worden is laid up with a very
badly sprained ankle.

December Athletic World

The Athletic World, by its December
number more strongly than ever estab-
lishes its position as the best Athletic
and sports magazine in Canada. Its
exhaustive treatment of the whole
national and world aspects and occur-
rences in outdoor and indoor sports like
a long felt want. The illustrations are
many and excellent, depicting the hap-
penings in universal athletics, especial-
ly presenting to Canadians everything of
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dinary type, 100 per line.
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RAILWAY TIME TABLE.

Trains leave Stirling station as follows:—
GOING WEST. GOING EAST.
Mail & Ex. 6.03 a. m. Passenger. 10.27 a. m.
Passenger. 6.45 p. m. Mail & Ex. 8.41 p. m.

The Stirling News-Argus.

THURSDAY, DEC. 15, 1910.

LOCAL MATTERS.

St. John's annual S. S. concert will
be held on Friday evening, Dec. 30th.
Further particulars later.

Services on Christmas day in St.
John's church will be as follows: Holy
Communion 8.15, a. m., Evensong 7
p. m.

Visitors will be welcomed at the ex-
amination of the Stirling Public school
to be held on Wednesday afternoon,
Dec. 21st.

Mr. James Conley had the misfor-
tune to break his leg while moving a
building out in the country on Thurs-
day last.

St. Andrew's Sabbath School are
busy preparing for a concert on New
Year's night. Further particulars next
issue.

A Christmas tree and entertainment
will be given in Salem Church, Minto,
on the evening of Friday December 23.
A good program is being prepared for
the occasion and a good time is expect-
ed.

A Christmas Tree and entertainment
under the auspices of the Sunday
School will be held at Carmel Church
on Wednesday night, Dec. 21st. A
good program will be given by mem-
bers of the school and others. Admis-
sion 15c. Entertainment begins at
7.30.

The Weekly Sun, Toronto, is a large
seven column farm weekly newspaper,
making a specialty of all matters of
business and social interest to the far-
mer and his family. The Sun's market
reports are admittedly the best and
most accurate published. It has no
equal in this field.

At the Stirling Epworth League on
Monday evening last, Mr. Harry Hu-
lin delivered an excellent topic upon
the Holy Spirit and its various offices.
This paper was one of the best that has
been presented at the Stirling League.
Following Mr. Hulin, Rev. Mr. Wright
spoke a few words on the same subject,
emphasizing especially the supreme re-
lationship between the Holy Spirit and
mankind.

A word to you sonny, you twelve or
thirteen-year-old boy, smoking cigar-
ettes on the sly. What do you want to
be when you grow up—a stalwart,
healthy, vigorous, broad shouldered
man or a little, puny, measly, no count
weak-minded dude? If you want to be
a man, strong like a man, with hair on
your face, brains in your head
and muscles in your limbs, you just let
those cigarettes alone. If you want to
be a thing, pried by your folks, de-
spised by the girls, and held in con-
tempt by the fellows, and end your
days in the insane asylum, just keep on
smoking.

A very pleasant evening was spent
at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Lake,
Chisholm's Rapids, on Tuesday even-
ing last when about one hundred of
their friends and neighbors took pos-
session of their new home and gave
them royal greetings. Mr. Mark An-
derson read a very complimentary ad-
dress to Mrs. Lake and presented her
with a beautiful Bible, the gift of Mr.
and Mrs. S. Hubble. Mr. and Mrs.
Lake were also presented with a fine
clock and a beautiful set of dishes
from their many friends in the nei-
ghborhood as a token of their esteem and
good wishes. A bountiful supply of
refreshments were served by the ladies
and enjoyed by all. Mr. and Mrs.
Lake fittingly responded to the gifts
and kindness of their friends.

From an Old Friend

In Manitoba

Mr. C. I. Baragar, of Elm Creek,
Man., in renewing his subscription to
the News-Argus sends us the follow-
ing interesting item:—

I am glad to note by the paper that
matters are going along in about the
same old way in your district. But I
notice too, many of the older residents
are passing away.

With us, in this part of the country
times are good. At one time during
the growing season crops promised
light, but later it was more favorable,
and grain of all kinds filled excep-
tionally well, and stock of all kinds came
in extra condition. Prices as a
whole being good but farmers in good
luck. And you know, in this country
the farmers have enough no one
is hungry.
RAVINTOWN has started in severe. It
has been frozen up since November 1st.
There is no sleighing for the last three
weeks. It is 20 inches of snow now.
The sun is bright and dry atmos-
phere is really pleasant.

L. O. L. No. 172

The annual meeting and election of of-
ficers of Wellman's L. O. L. No. 172, post-
poned on account of repairs to the Hall,
will be held in the lodge room on Monday
evening, Dec. 19th, at 7.30. All members
are requested to be present. Visiting
brothers welcome.

A. W. GARRISON, W. M.
W. SCOTT, Sec.

River Valley Women's Institute

The last regular meeting of the
River Valley branch of the Women's
Institute was held at the home of Mrs.
T. J. Smith on December 1st. There
were twenty-five present. Three dif-
ferent papers were given, a recitation
and some good recipes. The candy
made was good and enjoyed by all.
The next regular meeting will be held
at the home of Mrs. Wm. F. Hanna
the first Thursday afternoon in Janu-
ary. The delegate sent by the district
to Toronto to the Convention will give
her report at this meeting. Every-
body welcome.

Ridge Road News

The Evergreen Cheese Company
held their annual meeting on Satur-
day afternoon, Dec. 10th, and every-
thing passed off satisfactorily. Mr.
Robt. Lanigan was again the choice
for salesman for the coming year, and
Mr. Wm. Keegan secretary, and the
following efficient gentlemen as direc-
tors: Jas. Bailey, Thos. Montgomery,
Jr., W. F. McMullen, R. Good, Nathaniel
Eggleton and Thos. Donnan. Mr. G.
H. Rose is again engaged as cheese-
maker, and Mr. Jas. Scott as auditor.
The company is in a flourishing con-
dition. All the stockholders were well
pleased with the way the business has
been conducted in the past season.

Mr. R. G. Rodgers is wearing a smile
these days that will not wash off. A
little girl has come to stay at their
house.

There seems to be some petty thiev-
ing going on along the Ridge road.
Mr. Fred McGee had a skip of bees
stolen, and Mr. Jas. Keegan had a
load of wood stolen out of his field.
And there are several other small
things that have been taken.

Mr. Robt. Rodgers has been improv-
ing his residence by the addition of a
new kitchen and woodhouse.

Rumor says the wedding bells will
be ringing soon.

The Ridge Road school purpose hold-
ing a public examination on Friday
afternoon, Dec. 16th.

Aviation and Agriculture

"Cambriscan could soar on his course
of brass,
And Pegasus swift over Helicon pass.
Men smile at the fables the poets have
told,
But greater achievements we now can
behold."

So sings Lyman C. Smith, one of our
best, though lesser-known Canadian
bards, in the Christmas number of
"The Farmer's Advocate and Home
Magazine," just off the press.

The lines quoted stand as the intro-
ductory stanza to an exceedingly well-
written poem, "Aviation as Applied
in Agriculture," classical in tone and
humorous in the very darning of its im-
agination. To not a few readers these
verses, with the accompanying page
of well-executed drawings, will appeal
as "the hit" of an uncommonly enjoy-
able issue.

On the principle that a holiday num-
ber should be wholly delectable, this
one abounds in humor and reminis-
cence, with a few outstanding prac-
tical articles by a carefully-selected
corps of writers. The first page of
reading matter is adorned with an elo-
quent editorial entitled, "Canada, A
Nation." Avoiding successfully the
rocks of controversy, it presents our
most probable destiny as one of a com-
munity of autonomous, self-governing
yet allied nations, wherein the Golden
Rule of Righteousness will replace the
law of the jungle.

The preliminary results of a recently
instituted inquiry, by means of per-
sonal canvass, into the leading horse
markets, are clearly set forth under
the caption, "Draft-horse Opportuni-
ties."

But perhaps the best feature of a
superlative number is "The Tale of the
Pioneers," a vivid recital of real
experience in the early days, when
wolves howled about the settler's cabin,
and his wife lived for months and
years without seeing the face of an-
other white woman.

Among the many special features of
the Home Magazine section are "An
Ideal of Motherhood," being a splendid
story about the Sistine Madonna by
Mrs. Tucker-Wilcox; "A Christmas
Clearing House," by Peter McArthur;
"Commercialism and Personal Culture,
by The Spartan; and a charming
story by the famous Prince Edward Is-
land novelist, Miss L. M. Montgomery,
author of "Anne of Green Gables."

To subscribers of "The Farmer's
Advocate" this number goes in lieu of
a regular issue. To non-subscribers it
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Magazine" is \$1.50 per year. Address
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and Farmer's Advocate is \$2.30 per
year.

Although there has been a little snow
covering the ground since December 1st
there was not enough for sleighing
until to-day, the storm of last night and
this morning making good sleighing.

Anson Caniff, a farmer and well-
known resident of Hungerford, was
drowned while attempting to drive
from Tweed to Stoco across Lake Stoco,
with a horse and buggy. Mr. Caniff
was about 58 years of age.

An outbreak of mumps has caused
the McDonald Hall at Guelph to be
closed, and the students of the Agricul-
tural College will be dismissed for the
Christmas holidays a week earlier than
was intended.

Box Social

All welcome, and everybody come to the
Box Social to be held in Allan's School
House on the evening of Dec. 16th. Ad-
mission 25c, and a rebate for gentlemen
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TERRIFYING NIGHT IN COREA.

Nobleman's Funeral Provides Weird Scenes.

The mountain, north of Seoul, is crossed by Peking Pass. We had overtaken the relay of chair-coaches in the afternoon, but the journey had been long and trying on all, and the men, completely exhausted, swayed and reeled from one side of the path to the other under their heavy burden. I insisted that they should rest.

Grateful for an opportunity to rest, my cramped limbs, I scrambled from the chair, then stood transfixed with fear and terror. Coming over the crest of the mountains were hundreds of torches and lanterns. Faintly from far away came strange wild voices, shouting and screaming. Louder, louder swelled the weird, fantastic noise, and drums, and bells and gongs could be heard.

Turning to the men I cried: "What is this?" and pointed to the strange thing now descending quickly toward us. The men in an excited way talked together. I could see that it was something very unusual, and they seemed to be very much frightened. My Christian boy, Ke Tai, had carefully explained, using many words. I had never heard before. I listened, more mystified than ever; whether it was a mob or an uprising I did not know. He saw that I did not understand, and so at great length and with many more strange words, not in my vocabulary, he tried to enlighten my bewildered mind.

Nearer came the menacing mob, and above the clanging of brass, the yelling and wailing arose in an unearthly roar. Alone, at midnight, on the dark mountain pass, I stood and faced what I knew not, but certainly something terrifying and awful. My heart was filled with horror and a strange unutterable longing for my home and mother and sweet over my years. Had my time come to go? It might be indeed so.

With faltering voice I insisted again: "Can't you tell me in a few words what it is? I will not fear."

Shiloh's Cure
quickly stops coughs, cures colds, heals the throat and lungs. 25c. 50c. 1.00.

This time the boy understood what it was that I needed, and made reply: "Yes; it is the nobleman who has departed from this world." It was a great funeral, nothing more. Midnight is the favorite time for the procession to the grave. The darkness will help to keep away the evil spirits, so they think; the bells and drums are used also to frighten away the malign demons by the noise. The loud wailing and piercing cries were from the large crowd of hired mourners.—Ella Mae Wagner, in the Christian Herald.

SEEN IN PARIS SHOPS.

There is a decided vogue for all antique laces. Scarfs, muffs, and sashes of the new Janus cloth are stunning. Hats covered with suede or undressed kid are new and pretty. Large brimmed hats covered with gold gauze and lace are striking. Tailless ermine is much in demand on handsome gowns or hats of velvet.

Sables and all the brown toned furs are especially in evidence this year.

Black chiffon lined with white and trimmed with broad bands of ermine without tails forms a most fashionable scarf.

The most striking feature of the present styles is the vogue for vivid, vigorous colors.

Many black velvet cloche shaped hats have facings of white satin and bands of ermine.

Commenting editorially on "The Trek to Canada," the New York Times advises the United States Government to advertise.

"Set forth to the farmer and the business men of Canada the superior advantages of life in the United States," says the Times. One trouble about carrying out this programme is that Canada thought of it first and set forth her advantages. The Dominion Government has been busy for ten years and the western fields have made good. Nothing is more convincing than the moving pictures shown by the Grand Trunk, picturing reapers reaping fields of Saskatchewan, where the oats average 47 bushels per acre as against 27 in the great State of Iowa, and when we compare the wheat yield of Canada to that of the wheat producing States in the Republic we find that Canada produces almost double the average yield gathered in the American fields. One may travel for 100 miles in parts of Texas to-day without seeing even a bluebird or a sparrow. Spur tracks are built and water tanks set in on flat cars to water passing locomotives, for even the artisan wells have gone dry.

ALIMONY.

Mrs. Jarr—"Sistah Lobstock has just got a divorce from her hysban'."

Mrs. Wombat—"Don't say? How much alimony did the cou't done grant her?"

Away With Depression and Melancholy.—These two evils are the accompaniment of a disordered stomach and torpid liver and mean wretchedness to all whom they visit. The surest and speediest way to combat them is with Parmelee's Vegetable Pills, which will restore the healthful action of the stomach and bring relief. They have proved their usefulness in thousands of cases and will continue to give relief to the suffering who are wise enough to use them.

"What did the poet mean when he called his country 'the land of the free and the home of the brave'?" "He was probably referring to bachelors and married men," said old Mr. Smithers, sadly.

TRY MURINE EYE REMEDY
for Red, Weak, Watery Eyes and Granulated Eyelids. Murine Doesn't Smart—Soothes Eye Pain. Druggists Sell Murine Eye Remedy, Liquid, 25c, 50c, \$1.00. Murine Eye Salve, in Aseptic Tubes, 25c, \$1.00. Eye Books and Eye Advice Free by Mail. Murine Eye Remedy Co., Chicago.

The One—I can't understand why you imagine she has wonderful conversational powers, when, as a matter of fact, she talks extremely little. The Other—"That's just it. She shows remarkable discretion in the selection of things to be left unsaid."

Sores Flee Before It.—There are many who have been afflicted with sores and have driven them away with Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil, which acts like magic. All similarly troubled should lose no time in applying this splendid remedy, as there is nothing like it to be had. It is cheap, but its power is in no way expressed by its low price.

"Pa, who was it wrote 'To err is human, to forgive divine'?" "I don't remember now; but I'll bet it was somebody who had erred and been found out."

As Fire Spreads in dry grass, so does an inflammation in the throat grow down into the lungs. Deal promptly with a cold as with a fire, and when you begin to cough use Allen's Lung Balm.

Some men lose sight of great things by their attention to trifles. It takes an optimist to side-track trouble when he meets it.

HE FOUND THEM NO FAITH CURE

BUT DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS
CLEANED OUT W. F.
BLACK'S SIATICA.

He was in agony when a friend gave him a box. Now he recommends them to everybody.

Newcastle, N. B., Dec. 12 (Special).—In these cold fall days when the chill winds crystallize the uric acid in the blood and cause the pangs of Rheumatism and Sciatica to bring sleepless nights to many a home, a man's best friend is he who can tell his neighbor of a sure cure for his tortures. Such a friend is Wm. F. Black of this place. He suffered from Sciatica and lame back. He was so bad that he could not lace his boots or turn in bed. Dodd's Kidney Pills cured him and he wants all his neighbors to know of the cure.

"Yes," Mr. Black says, in an interview, "I was so bad with Sciatica and Lame Back that I couldn't lace my shoes or turn in bed, when a friend gave me about a third of a box of Dodd's Kidney Pills. I started taking them without much faith in their curative powers, and found them all they were recommended."

"Now I am recommending Dodd's Kidney Pills to all sufferers from Kidney Disease."

Dodd's Kidney Pills are no faith cure. They're a simple but sure cure for diseased kidneys.

SENTENCE SERMONS.

You cannot lead without love. It's no use trying to be a grateful grumbler. Heavenly love is more than a love for heaven.

Originality is the original sin, according to the bigot.

The best place to feel for the needy is in your pocket.

The cross Christian is not bearing the Christian cross.

Many mistake the worship of custom for the custom of worship.

People who are hungry to be martyrs make a good many miserable.

Love may seem to serve blindly, but the service illumines the world.

Many a saint would stoop in service but for fear of losing his tin halo.

Many a man thinks he is pious who is only peddling other people's phrases.

It is better to be killed by hard times than to have to work hard to kill time.

The fact that you are displeasing people is not evidence that you are pleasing the Lord.

It seems as though heaven might be a dull place, remember they have an inside view of all our antics.

You cannot always trust the motives of the man who thinks he can tell you all about the motives of the Most High.

Shiloh's Cure
quickly stops coughs, cures colds, heals the throat and lungs. 25c. 50c. 1.00.

MAY BE WOODEN-HEADED.
Caller—"I didn't know your son was at college. Is this his freshman year?"

Mrs. Bunderby—"Oh, no, indeed! He's a sophomore."

Minard's Liniment for sale everywhere.

POSITIVE KNOWLEDGE.

Englishman—"Have you any Dreadnoughts in America?"

Yankee—"Surely, I married one."

Painkiller in winter checks chills, breaks up colds and thus prevents Bronchitis, Laryngitis and Rheumatism. Unequaled as a liniment for frost bites, chilblains, bruises, sprains, etc. All druggists. Only One Painkiller—Perry Davis.

PROOF.
"Have you forgotten that \$5 you owe me?"

"Not at all. Didn't you see me try to dodge into that doorway?"

To have the children sound and healthy is the first care of a mother. They cannot be healthy if troubled with worms. Use Mother Graves' Worm Exterminator.

Giles (who has just cashed a check)—"I don't think this money's right. The Cashier—Would you mind counting it again, sir? I think you'll find it correct. Giles (having done so)—"Yes, but you be careful, young man; it's only just right."

Sore throat leads to Tonsillitis, Quinsy and Diphtheria. Hamlin's Wizard Oil used as a gargle upon the first symptoms of a sore throat will invariably prevent all three of these dread diseases.

"I made an awful mistake yesterday." "What was it?" "I asked Cashleigh to lend me \$5, and he had to change a ten to do it. I might just as well have borrowed the ten-spot."

Minard's Liniment Relieves Neuralgia.

EFFECTS OF TOBACCO.

Carbon Monoxide a Dangerous
Constituent of the Smoke.

It has not been proved that tobacco causes any definite, characteristic lesions of the nose, throat or ear, declares a writer in the Boston Medical and Surgical Journal. While it is possible that the excessive use of tobacco may by indirect action produce a toxic effect upon the olfactory and auditory nerves, with resulting impairment of the sense of smell or of hearing, there is not at the present time any definite laboratory proof for such an opinion, nor is there sufficient clinical evidence to substantiate the belief.

The ill effects of tobacco smoke upon existing diseases of the throat arising from other causes is established and is the same as would be observed from any other form of irritation. That gastric and systemic nervous disturbances may arise from excessive use of tobacco in any of its forms is unquestioned; the nicotine content of tobacco is a recognized poisonous substance, and in the process of smoking there are involved other injurious chemical products.

Carbon monoxide is probably a more dangerous and injurious constituent of tobacco smoke than is nicotine, only a very fractional amount of which ever enters the tissues. If there is any more danger to be anticipated from cigarette than from cigar smoking, it is to be looked for solely in the inhalation of the smoke; cigarette smoking without inhaling is no more injurious than pipe or cigar smoking, probably not as much so, unless enormous numbers are smoked.

ZAM-BUK CURES PILES.

Maritime Magistrate's Case.

Mr. C. E. Sanford of Weston, King's Co., N. S., a Justice of the Peace for the county, and a Deacon of the Baptist Church in Berwick, says: "I have used Zam-Buk for piles and found it a splendid remedy. It cured me."

Mr. Thomas Pearson, of Prince Albert, Sask., writes: "Last summer I had a fever, which left me with piles. I started to use Zam-Buk, and three or four boxes effected a complete cure."

Zam-Buk will also be found a sure cure for cold sores, chapped hands, frost bite, ulcers, eczema, blood-poison, varicose sores, scalp sores, ringworm, inflamed patches, babies' eruptions and chapped places, cuts, burns, bruises, and skin injuries generally. All drug stores and stores sell at 50c box, or post free from Zam-Buk Co., Toronto, upon receipt of price. You are warned against harmful imitations and substitutes. See the registered name "Zam-Buk" on every package before buying.

NOT ALWAYS.

She—They say that experience is a great teacher.

He—Yes; but you can be a coachman all your life, and not know how to bet on a horse race.

Holloway's Corn Cure takes the corn out by the roots. Try it and prove it.

FAILURE.

"I told the woman up the road," said the tramp, "that it was more blessed to give than to receive."

"What did she say?"

"She said she'd be blessed if she could see it."

Minard's Liniment Cures Dandruff.

"I suppose rum brought you here," remarked the Magistrate severely. "Yes, your Honor; the cop that arrested me was loaded to the nozzle," replied the prisoner.

Allen's Lung Balm is especially intended to break up neglected coughs, and many hopeless cases have been saved by its use. Contains no opium in any form.

Caller—"How pleased you must be to find that your new cook is a stayer?" Hostess—"Don't mention it! She's a stayer all right; but, unfortunately she's not a cook."

Minard's Liniment Cures Burns, Etc.

Small Boy (applying for situation)—"What kind of a boy do you want? Merchant—A nice, quiet boy, that doesn't use bad words, smoke cigarettes, whistle around the office, play tricks or get into mischief. Small Boy—You don't want no boy; you want a girl."

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ALL KIDNEY DISEASES
RHEUMATISM
GRAVEL
DIABETES
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SUBSTITUTE.

Charlie (bidding good-bye)—"I haven't the cheek to kiss you."

Alice—"Use mine."

A Simple and Cheap Medicine.—A simple, cheap and effective medicine is something to be desired. There is no medicine so effective a regulator of the digestive system as Parmelee's Vegetable Pills. They are simple, they are cheap, they can be got anywhere, and their beneficial action will prove their recommendation. They are the medicine of the poor man and those who wish to escape doctors' bills will do well in giving them a trial.

THE REST WAS LAUGHTER.

"O Dear!" cried Mrs. Mason, seizing spoon and bending over a dish on the supper-table. "Here's a fly in my preserve."

"I'll bet he never got in a worse jam in his life," hazarded Mr. Mason, with the chuckle of a husband who rejoices in a momentary eminence over his wife.

A YOUNG PHILOSOPHER.

Time is a relative quantity. Some minutes seem like hours, and some hours seem like minutes. How to control this flight is beyond most persons, but the little boy mentioned below seems to have progressed pretty well for a youngster.

The teacher was surprised to see that he remained perfectly idle all through recess, and accordingly asked him why he did not play.

"Cause," he said, slowly, "it makes recess too quick if I play, and I want it to la-a-ast!"

What is the Best Thing to strengthen weak back? "The D & L" Muscular Plaster. It will cure lumbago and rheumatism. \$1 rolls make seven 6c. plasters. Davis & Lawrence Co., Montreal.

PROVERBIAL.

When the cat's away, the man expects to be roused out of a sound sleep in the middle of the night to let her in.

Many inherit weak lungs, and as disease usually assails the weakest point, these persons are continually exposed to attacks of cold and pulmonary disturbances. The speedy use of Bickle's Anti-Consumptive Syrup will be found a preventive and a protection, strengthening the organs so that they are not so liable to derangement from exposure or abrupt atmospheric changes. Bickle's Syrup is cheap and good.

PNEUMONIA WARNING.
Good Ventilation is the Secret of Its Prevention.

Dr. Nieff, Philadelphia's Director of Health, has sent out a circular warning the people of the dangers of pneumonia and telling them how to prevent it. "Ventilation is the key-note of prevention in pneumonia whether in office, in building, sitting room or room," says Dr. Nieff. "Day night pure air should be breathed. The old superstition breathing of night air, once given to disease has been driven from the minds of a public education, with the exception of a few of our foreign population, who still believe that some diseases are spread by the breathing of night air. As a matter of fact, the night air is purer than the day air, as there is less black smoke belching from chimney stacks and locomotives and less dust in the air, owing to reduced street traffic; so windows should be opened both top and bottom in every sleeping room."

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A Few Christmas Suggestions



That will make it easy for you to select your Xmas Gifts at FRED. T. WARD'S.

We cannot get space enough to give you a full list and prices, so will only be able to give you an outline and invite you to call and see that we have some very Special Lines that would make useful and acceptable Xmas Gifts.

Gentlemen's Bath Robes, Dressing Gowns, Fancy Vests, Fur-lined Gloves and Mitts, Special Import Order of Ladies' and Gentlemen's Irish Linen Initialed Handkerchiefs, Scarfs, Mufflers, in all styles and shades, plain and colored Silk Handkerchiefs, Canes, Umbrellas, Christmas Shirts.

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Handkerchiefs

We have an unlimited quantity of dainty gift handkerchiefs (over 150 dozen) for every member of the family. Besides quantity, we have quality and price, and when you see the values of these lines you will plainly see where 50c. can do \$1.00 duty. Prices from 1c. to 50c. each.

Japanese Creations

We made a specialty of these lines, such as: Silk Shawls, Fascinators, Handkerchiefs, Hand drawn lines, Hand-painted Cushion Tops, Gift Boxes, China (all kinds), and woven mats. Boxes and novelties at astonishingly low prices.

Cents' Furnishings

In our Christmas preparations we have given particular attention to this department and are showing a large range of Fancy Shirts, Ties, Collars, Handkerchiefs, Fine Gloves and Mitts, etc.

Groceries

Our lines of Christmas Groceries and Candy are strictly fresh and the best money can buy. We are offering

Best Seeded Raisins, regular 12c. for.....10c. lb.
Select Seedless Raisins, regular 12c. for.....10c. lb.
Choice seedless Currants, 3 lbs. for.....25c.
Seeded Raisins, 3 lbs. for.....25c.
Best Rolled Oats, 8 lbs. for.....25c.
Other lines at equally low prices.

CHRISTMAS SPECIALS

That will save you from 25% to 40%. This and next week only.
LADIES' PARASOLS.—All silk covers, Paragon frame, assorted horn and German silver handles, regular \$2.00 for.....\$1.25 only
GENTS' UMBRELLAS.—Union Top, large size, strong and durable, fancy handles, regular \$1.00 for.....75c.
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Sidney Council

Town Hall, Sidney, Thursday Dec. 15th, 1910.

Council met pursuant to adjournment. Members present.—Chas. Ketcheson, Reeve, Alex. S. White, Dep. Reeve; Chas. Vanderwater, John W. Hess, Geo. A. Rose, Councillors.

The minutes of meeting Aug. 27th, at so special meeting of Nov. 17th read and adopted.

Moved by J. W. Hess, second by Alex. S. White, that the following accounts be paid.—Geo. A. Rose, (supplies for Mrs. McDonald) \$1.25; Geo. E. Sine, (groceries for Mrs. Wannamaker) \$1.20; D. Allport, (for Mrs. McDonald) \$1.24; Morton and Herity, printing, \$7.00; The Intelligencer, \$32.00; S. Masson (Solicitor) \$11.02; A. M. Chapman (Municipal Postage) \$12.00, Treasurer's postage \$3.00. Carried.

The following by-laws were passed through their various stages and numbered 102 to 105 consecutively.

A By-Law to appoint a place for nominations, provide polling places, appoint Deputy Returning officers and poll clerks for 1911, also

A By-Law to authorize the Collector to continue the Collection of taxes for 1910.

The Road Superintendent presented his report for the year 1910, which was considered very satisfactory and adopted.

Moved by Mr. Hess, second by Mr. Vanderwater that the minutes of Dec. 15th meeting be now read and adopted and that Council adjourn sine die. Carried.

A. M. CHAPMAN, Township Clerk.

Public School Examination

A public school examination was held in the Ridge Road School House, Township of Rawdon, on Friday, 16th inst. About thirty parents and friends of the pupils attended the examination, and it was well worth the time. The children showed by their answers not only that they possessed good natural talents, but also that their teacher had taken great pains to cultivate those talents. Then there was that kindly feeling between pupils and teacher, which showed that the teacher had the good-will of the pupils.

Miss Letha Good has been the teacher in this school for the past two years, and it seems a pity to part with such a teacher.

A strange teacher coming in cannot possibly fill Miss Good's place for at least six months. It is a serious loss this change of teachers.

At the close of the examination Miss Good was presented with the following address and some very nice presents.

Miss Good in reply, made some remarks thanking the pupils, and stating what a pleasure it had been to her to have spent so many pleasant days with them, and her sadness at their parting.

MISS LETHA GOOD,
Dear Teacher,

It is with sadness that we meet here this afternoon. Sad because we hear you are about to sever your connection with this school.

You have endeared yourself to our hearts in the two years you have labored amongst us. Dear teacher, you have tried on every opportunity to inculcate in our minds the rudiments of an education. At times, we fear, we have often been refractory pupils. We fear we have often given you undue anxiety in our carelessness in not trying to have our studies as perfect as we might.

But you have always shown forbearance, and as the time comes for us to part, it brings sadness to our young minds, but we are glad to know that you are not going away from this community.

And we would ask you to accept this Toilet case, and glove and handkerchief set as a slight token of the esteem that you are held by us; which we hope you will value, not for their intrinsic worth, but for the kind feelings and good wishes which accompany them. And we hope in whatever sphere of usefulness which you may be called in the future we hope you may always have the appreciation of your labors of which we know you shall always merit, is the wish of your pupils.

Signed on behalf of the school,
KATHLEEN LANIGAN
LUCAS LANIGAN.

December 16th 1910.

It is probable that 8 main cheese factories in Brockville district will abandon cheese making for 1911 as American representatives are closing contracts for their supply of cream.

The greatest danger from influenza is of its resulting in pneumonia. This can be obviated by using Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, as it not only cures influenza, but counteracts any tendency of the disease towards pneumonia. Sold by all dealers.

County Council

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Mr. Chapman, clerk, read the report of expenditure on public highways.

Moved by Mr. Dryden, seconded by Mr. Kells, that the warden and the clerk be authorized to sign and submit to the Minister of public works of Ontario the petition of the corporation of Hastings showing that during the period January 15th 1910, to November, 30th, 1910, there has been expended upon the county highway system the sum of \$62,208.091, and requesting a grant of one-third of that amount as provided by the Act to aid in the improvement of public highways. —Carried.

It was moved by Mr. Ketcheson, seconded by Mr. McLaren, that the tender of the Ontario Bridge Company of \$28,325 for the steel part of Frankford bridge be accepted. —Carried.

It was moved by Mr. Sills, seconded by Mr. Cook, that the tender of the Ontario Bridge Company of \$3,800 for the superstructure of Fairfield's bridge be accepted. —Carried.

Mr. Kells read an account of the cost of the Elzevir bridge, asking the county for \$478.

A motion prevailed that the council contribute \$300 towards the bridge.

The matter of the claim for damages presented by Mr. J. W. Sealey who with his engine went through a bridge at Moira Lake, being precipitated into the lake. A severe nervous shock was the result. A doctor's certificate was read, and also the opinion of Mr. S. Masson, K. C. county solicitor. The latter considered that Mr. Sealey had no right of recovery because too long a time had elapsed.

Mr. Sealey spoke at the request of the council. He did not wish to enter an action against the council. He thought the council might remunerate him for his loss. Four or five hundred dollars would be a fair offering.

Mr. McLaren moved, seconded by Mr. Newton, that no action be taken in the matter. —Carried.

An account of \$5 from Mr. Sealey for removing his engine from the lake was ordered to be paid.

The committee appointed on Wednesday to confer with the deputation of the Stirling school board, brought in a report in which they stated that they appeared to be liable for an amount of over \$3,000 for maintenance and repairs of Stirling High School. They recommended making a grant of \$2,000 in lieu of this, to be paid on the completion of the buildings on August 15, as called for by contract.

Messrs. Cook and Hubble moved the reception and adoption of the report.

Messrs. Clark and Kirk moved in amendment that the report be received and no action be taken until the January session of the council.

Mr. Ketcheson said no provision had been made for this in the rates this year but he was told that the amount could not be paid over until August.

A letter was read from Mr. Vermilyea opposing a further grant to the high school, and stating that in his opinion the board had broken faith with the council. He advised the delay of action until January.

His Honor, the warden considered that the grant was being made not only to Stirling but to the whole county as pupils came from all parts. Stirling asked less than what the county was legally liable for. The village has a debt of \$23,000 and its council has decided to issue debentures to raise \$12,000 for school purposes. This would mean an indebtedness against the village of \$40,000.

His Honor also spoke of the benefits accruing from the Agricultural school at Stirling towards which \$500 had been granted last year. The greatest industry of this county is agriculture if scientifically carried on. There would then be no need for young men to go west. A fortune is in store for the scientifically trained farmer. There are vast possibilities ahead of the Agricultural school. To stop this would be wronging the present and the future generations. He hoped to soon see small agricultural colleges in every county working in sympathy with that of Guelph. There is not a better agricultural school in the province.

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A WHITE CHRISTMAS

The sun shone faintly down—a fitful December sun, which seemed in its feebleness almost a mockery of that greater, grander glory which, but a few short months ago, had irradiated the world with summer splendor. But to the man moving slowly along the side-walk, pausing ever and anon with quick, nervous unrest to glance about him, it seemed as though never had a mid-summer sun shone forth more bravely gay. To the prisoner but newly emancipated from the inexorable grey walls which so long had bound him the world had rarely looked more beautiful than it did as seen from City pavements upon the faintly shining, swiftly fading, grey December day.

But a few short moments ago, as the walled counts time, the great gates had clanged behind him; but the ex-convict had lived through a whole gamut of emotions since then. So long a slave to daily routine—to a life where the hours were clockwork regularly to a system which transfers a man from a living, breathing personality into a mere machine—it was not strange if the freed captive found it almost impossible all at once to realize his freedom.

He had looked forward so long—for ten weary, slow passing years—to this day, and now the day had come at length. Freedom! He had dreamt of it, longed for it, and at length the dream had become a reality. So quickly did the pendulum of feeling swing to and fro that of a sudden his former thrall had become an impossibility to him. He told himself now that, rather than have borne another day of the life which had been his for the last ten years, he would have killed himself.

He paused before a florist's window in the busy street, drinking deep of all the remembered beauty of the world in the loveliness of the flowers which there met his view. Something drew him within, and when a saleswoman awaited his orders he pointed mutely to a great cluster of white blossoms which lay just unpacked on the counter at his side. The price was extortionate. There was a new luxury in the sensation of purchase and barter to which the man had long been a stranger. He left the shop, the coveted flowers clutched feverishly in his hands. It was almost as though, in their purity, he had purchased back his lost innocence—that innocence which had been his so long, long ago.

His innocence? Why, he had never lost it! It had been the hand of another which had wrested its very semblance from him. At back of that dream of freedom, which had been ever that other dream, less pure, but not less dear, looming darkly! Revenge! Revenge upon the man who had ruined him, who, with crafty subtlety, had sworn his young innocence away! Revenge! He had bided his time patiently throughout all these long, weary years, and now at last the moment of revenge had come.

The clerk in the booking-office glanced up with a passing shadow of interest upon his bored features as the man bearing the great handful of white blossoms pushed his way among the passengers who thronged the station that Christmas week, and demanded a ticket for Halford, fifty miles away. The clerk hesitated ere he punched the oblong scrap of cardboard.

"A return? It's cheaper in the end. You'll be wanting to come back again?"

"To come back! Not I!" The man laughed harshly. Something in his look or manner must have accelerated the clerk's usual leisurely manner, for he hastened to tender the desired single ticket without further parley.

"Train doesn't go for another hour. You've no end of time," he volunteered as added information.

"Thanks!" the man said shortly. He passed out into the station, and seated himself upon a vacant form. A little child ran towards him as he waited there—a blue-eyed, innocent thing, escaped momentarily from its guardians.

"Pitty Powers! Pitty Powers!" it lisped.

The man's face softened. He stooped down and lifted the little one upon his knee. When the mother came in search of it, she found it thus, its small hands full of white blossoms, gurgling and laughing with delight.

"You've got them of your own, I'm thinking," the woman said, as she stooped to relieve him of his burden—"little ones. I mean! You've a way with them, you have!"

The man shook his head. He set the child down, but the remainder of the blossoms in his tiny hands, and then, with a sudden, half-ashamed movement, stooped to kiss it. The woman watched him sympathetically as he walked away. There were those that ought to have been, and those that have

oughtn't," she muttered oracularly. "An' those white flowers, too, must have cost a heap of money. Folks don't usually go buying them except for a bridal or a burying."

Only one passenger alighted at the little wayside station of Halford that winter afternoon. The man went slowly, almost laggingly, up the village street. He had shaped out no clear plan of action as yet. To look upon his enemy's face—that would be enough for the present; later, to gather together that chain of evidence which would be sufficient in itself to establish his own innocence, and the guilt of the man who had once called himself his friend.

He had been young and unprepared when they thrust him so unjustly into prison before, but ten years had come and gone since then, and he would not find him young and unprepared again. Not young and unprepared should it happen that the innocent should suffer for the guilty.

Presently he wandered away from the village to where, just beyond the confines of the little town, its back to the wood, a low-lying grey cottage stood. An old holly tree dipped its branches over the green gate to the highway beyond. A girl, her small, pale face aglow, was standing on tiptoe on the farther side of the intervening hedge, pulling down the berry-laden branches. She looked up, and seeing the stranger in the lane without, smiled.

"If you'd just catch that branch over there when I swing it that way! All the best berries are on that side! It's too bad to ask you, but I can't manage it myself!"

She smiled again, not by any means deprecatingly, but as though she had a perfect right to demand this favor.

"I'll do my best," the man said. His hard face softened. There was something strangely delightful in this new sense of comradeship, even though the mutual interest might only be that of holly-gathering. "But won't you come over to this side yourself? I believe we could manage it better so."

He almost felt glad, in spite of himself, that the little grey cottage had changed hands since last he entered it. Perhaps—who knew!—the false friend was dead, gone to render than any of earth. He would learn presently.

Revenge, however sweet, seemed very distant and far away just now. When his hands momentarily touched hers in the gathering of the holly he felt a sudden thrill of pleasure, such as he had experienced when his eyes first fell upon the pure blossoms of the morning. At length the girl called a halt.

"That will be enough, I think. I want to take some to the village before it gets dark. The poor folk there like a sprig or two of holly to decorate their cottages in honor of Christmas-time."

He glanced at the accumulation of red-berried holly lying at his feet.

"If you will allow me"—he spoke diffidently—"I might assist you in carrying it so far. I am going in that direction, in any case, at present."

In his eagerness he all but forgot the first impulse which had led his steps in the direction of the little grey cottage. Revenge! It was impossible to think of revenge when one had just been gathering holly-berries in company with such a pure and childlike creature. Later, it would be time. What had already tarried for ten long, slowly passing years could surely tarry for a little longer yet.

She flashed him a bright glance. "If you're sure it won't be any trouble to you. I hate taking advantage of your generosity, but it will be such a help! You see!"—she flashed back another smile at him—"I can't altogether ignore the fact that it was I who asked your assistance first."

"Then that's settled," he told her.

Was it only this morning, or centuries ago, that he had heard the grim doors of the prison clang behind him? He asked himself, as he knelt tying the holly together, while she hastened into the cottage for some necessary wrap. A few flakes of snow fell while he was thus engaged. The girl joined him presently. She wore a long coat of some dark, woollen stuff, and had tied a scarf about her dusky head. Her eyes, as she glanced about her, shone like stars.

"'Tis going to be a lovely white Christmas, after all, to-morrow, I do believe!" She looked up at him most lovingly at the falling flakes of snow. "No Christmases are ever quite so beautiful as the white ones, I often think. It's just like 'Peace on earth—the angels' song, you know. No one could ever find it in his heart to be angry then."

"The angels' song! That's an old story," he said a little harshly. "It's a beautiful legend, nothing else, that idea of 'peace on earth' the whole world over. As for forgiveness"—he gazed past her, and the hard look was in his eyes still—"there are some sins even beyond the reach of forgiveness; sins the very remembrance of which calls aloud for revenge."

He checked himself with an effort. Perhaps something in her face restrained him.

"Keep your dreams, child. Even when everything else goes—and it goes soon enough—they'll remain to comfort you."

He shouldered the holly, and walked silently by her side, along the swiftly darkening road. The girl was silent, too. He reproached himself for those few hastily uttered words, which had so suddenly quenched the brightness of her eyes.

At the first door at which they paused she glanced up half shyly.

"Won't you come in? You are so much bigger and stronger than I, you see. My old women always complain that my holly always topples down so soon again. Do come!"

Her eyes drew him where his lips would fain have refused. The ex-convict, who had only that morning been granted his discharge from prison walls, spent his Christmas Eve bringing Christmas to the dwellings of the very poor, and rendering gay their sordid homes with scarlet holly-berries.

Not until he had at length parted from her did he recollect that, after all, he had omitted to put that most important question of all—that question which would bring to light the whereabouts of the man who had wronged him, the once dweller in the little grey cottage.

He wandered again in the same direction upon the following afternoon—Christmas afternoon—the "white Christmas" she had so longed for. He felt a passing shame as he recalled how he had damped her gladness by his ill-omened words.

Twilight came early that short December day, and the old holly-tree by the gate loomed out in its white covering of snow like some ghostly sentinel watching by the doors of light and love.

The man, pacing restlessly to and fro, was turning away, when the gleam of a lighted window caught his eye, and, treading softly across the snowy lawn, he glanced within. The curtains had not yet been drawn, and by the light of the lamp he saw that two figures sat at the cheerful little white-covered table. One—she who sat so close to the grey-haired man's side, her white gown showing like a patch of brightness in the lamp-lit room—was his friend of the holly, the girl whose acquaintance he had made upon the preceding afternoon. The other—his heart for a moment stood still, then of a sudden went pulsing on again with almost lightning rapidity—the other—Heaven help him, and her!—was the man who had blighted his whole young life, the man whom he had come so many weary miles to find, and against whom he had sworn eternal and undying hatred—the man against whom he had sworn a hundred times to be revenged.

In his excitement he had drawn nearer, and, looking momentarily out into the gathering darkness, the girl's eyes met his. He saw the quickly put question and answer which passed between her father and herself ere, leaving her seat at the table, she flung the front door open. She bent the radiance of her smile upon him.

"A merry Christmas!" she said gaily. "You see, after all, it is a white Christmas, just as I hoped." She did not question what had brought him to her private domain a second time; and as for him, all he saw just then was the shining of her eyes. "I have told my father of your kindness yesterday, and he wishes to make your acquaintance. Will you not join us at our Christmas dinner?"

As in a dream, he heard himself endeavoring to stammer his excuses. To come face to face with his enemy—what he had been longing for all along—was impossible now. How singularly forgetful of him not to have recalled the fact that the man who had ruined him was not alone in the world. There had been talk of a child or children; he had felt thankful then himself that he was unfettered by any family ties. She was stretching out her little hand now. He could not resist that last entreaty. The girl, at any rate, was innocent; and were they not friends—friends since yesterday? The next moment he was in the lamplit room, standing face to face with him!

After all, it was the convict who was the calmer of the two. The face of the other had grown ashen grey, and he tottered as though he would have fallen.

"So Nemesis has overtaken me at last!" he said, with a weary laugh. "Sooner or later I always knew that such a day of reckoning would surely come, though I little thought that the hand which would hasten it would have been that of my only child."

Still the convict never raised his eyes from his face. Such an old face—such an old, tired face, beneath fast silvering hair! He could guess how he had suffered. He could hear her come singing through the hall to join them. What was it that she said only yesterday about a "white Christmas" and "forgiveness"? Nearer. Her fingers were on the door. His eyes softened. He stretched out his

hand and clasped that of the other.

"Your father and I find ourselves to be old friends," he said, smiling round at her as she stood just within the doorway. He felt his enemy's hand tremble within his own. But the song of that old, old Christmas of long ago—that first Christmas of which the angels sang—was ringing in his heart as he met the glad shining of her eyes. He smiled again. "'Tis a 'white Christmas' after all!" said he.

GIFTS THAT ENRICH

There are many things which cannot fail to give pleasure as they come to us in those pleasant, cheery hours on Christmas Eve, in which even the tired maids do not mind the incessant ringing of doorbells, and have their kindly share of sympathetic enjoyment in the friendly token that warms the family hearth. The ordinary intercourse of friends in these days of haste and interruption gives little chance for us to discover the small wants or the unsatisfied needs of those we seek to gratify, and we are thrown back on that far less enjoyable way of choosing gifts which results in buying, or making, things which have no salient points and are sure to please almost everybody. When, happily, we discover some little thing required for personal comfort or adornment, and can be the first to note the opportunity to be of real use, there is genuine delight in making use of it. And, after all, how often these discoveries, which give the keenest pleasure and add greatly to daily comfort are the merest trifles!

There is a growing belief in my mind that in the matter of giving, as in most other sources of enriching each other's lives and beautifying them with tokens of our love, Heaven has ordained that the most satisfying and delightful are within the reach of all. Each after our measure, the more cultivated and fastidious after the necessities born of that condition, and the humblest and poorest after theirs, are best pleased by some slight, fond token of affection which shows appreciation of what our hearts crave, our tastes enjoy, or of what the body needs.

It is a faith which makes a scanty purse seem better filled, and assures us that even in cases of extreme wealth, the surprise of some simple, practical bit of comfort, or the possession of some small bit of truly artistic beauty, will refresh those whose wealth is too great to accustom them to notice what seem the poorer trifles of life. We are too timid about offering small gifts which are given tenderly and chosen with fond care to be of use to either body or spirit.

In some subtle way we detect—we feel instantly—"this is not in any exclusive sense mine." We are only one of ten, or twenty, or a hundred, whose names have been joyfully erased from a list, and the articles have had a more fitting for the ninety-ninth than for the first who filled the category. The old intuition of Ophelia is ours, too—they have grown poorer—these things which are not tarried long enough in the givers' minds to warm themselves at love's fires. And, on the other hand, we cut a certain bit of cord, or of the gay ribbon with which we make our humblest gifts look cheery, and disclose that which quickens our pulses, brings tears of fond appreciation to our eyes, and makes us conscious of how love has found out our secrets.

Ah, those are the gifts which have the very essence of the festival pervading them; those are the little tokens of what still comes to us, in spite of all our perverse and wilful crushing out of the sweetness of the divine simplicity and humility, and of the clouds of selfishness with which we hide the soft radiance of the star above the manger bed. We may blind our eyes with the electric blaze without which our strained and weary nerves are becoming incapable of perception, and bewilder ourselves with the vulgar multiplicity of our possessions, but the Holy Night has ways in which to let its central tender light shine in upon us, and there never can come a time in which we lack opportunity to find the glory of God and the surpassing joy of limitless love even in places so humble that only the shelterless seek them for their homes. Every love-gift has gone back to Bethlehem for its consecration. Having that, it cannot fail to be precious to the receiver.

When we can contrive that what we give becomes a part of the personal or family life it has won a vantage ground. Sometimes it is some trifle which is always in use at meal-time—some everyday thing for convenience or adornment on the table; this has a fortunate advantage of always bringing the absent donor to the board. A small bunch of silver thistles from the pretty, rough calices of which I daily take my poorer and salt, brings to my side, three times

The Mistletoe Bough

THE mistletoe hung in the castle hall, The holly branch shone on the old oak wall; The baron's retainers were blithe and gay, And keeping their Christmas holiday. Then the baron beheld with a father's pride, His beautiful child, young Lovell's bride; While she, with her bright eyes, seemed to be The star of goodly company.

"I'm weary of dancing now," she cried; "Here tarry a moment—I'll hide—I'll hide! And, Lovell, be sure thou'rt first to trace The clue to my secret lurking place." Away she ran—and her friends began Each tower to search, and each nook to scan; And young Lovell cried, "Oh! where dost thou hide? I'm lonely without thee, my own dear bride."

They sought her that night and they sought her next day, And they sought her in vain, when a week passed away! In the highest—the lowest—the loneliest spot Young Lovell sought wildly—but found her not. And years flew by, and their grief at last Was told as a sorrowing tale long past; And when Lovell appeared, the children cried, "See! the old man weeps for his fairy bride."

At length an oak chest, that had long lain hid, Was found in the castle; they raised the lid; And a skeleton form lay mouldering there In the bridal wreath of that lady fair! Oh, sad was her fate! In sportive jest She hid from her lord in the old oak chest; It closed with a spring—and, dreadful doom, The bride lay clasped in her living tomb!

a day, the soft, loving brown eyes of the donor, whose Highland home is on the shore of the fair loch over which Ben Lomond watches. The most elaborate and costly bit of merely ornamental "plate," would be as naught beside this mute little reminder of Scotland and friends who "dinna forget."

The mark which keeps your page, links itself with its refreshment or amusement, and yet speaks of Genoa where it was bought. The candle that stands beside your bed, the pitcher which waits there also, in readiness to meet the thirst of troubled nights, each in their turn, fill their narrow but essential place in the guardianship of love over which the night watches, and the sweet response of the ready repeating bell, reminds one forever of the giver.

That we should weary ourselves looking for what is rare or unusual, or things difficult to procure, when our places of research should be among the daily useful contrivances, or helps to mind body, or estate, of those we seek to comfort and please, is in reality travelling away from our object. The book which cheers or invigorates, the picture that suggests a personal thought, the spoon which adds beauty to a homely service, the comfortable little wrap; these are but as the alphabet with which we begin to spell our dear ones' desire.

To enter some vast place of supply and see things innumerable which have as much to do, or more, perhaps, with the Shah of Persia than with our husband's children or friends, is surely the last way in which to find what we want. What we are seeking is how to give pleasure and express our love; the very Alpha of our subject lies in learning what our dear ones want to receive, not what we want to give. The Omega is the knowledge that nothing is devoid of personal tendencies can give unalloyed satisfaction.

What inexpressible satisfaction comes from the realization of how much is brought within the reach of the very poor, and the astonishment at what can be purchased with a dollar in the places where good sense and honest intention prepare to meet their wants. How much warmth and decency, and even prettiness, can be acquired by the expenditure of a few dollars note, is almost beyond the belief of those whose knowledge of values is acquired in shops where the rich are provided for.

There is but one place where we can learn that there is no limit either to the power, or the joy, or the obligation of love, and only one time in all the year when our feet turn toward that school where our Master waits to give the lesson learned by Him in Heaven and brought to earth in His infant hands.

SEASONABLE STUFFING.

A little mistletoe is a dangerous thing. All's not gold that you get for Christmas.

Christmas presents cover a multitude of debts. One can have too much of a good thing—even turkey. It's a wise boy who knows his own Santa Claus.

It's better to be a poor relation than it is to have one—at Christmas time.

UNCOMFORTABLE CHRISTMAS.

In the mind of the average individual Christmas is associated with cheerful visions of crisp air, fleecy snow, sparkling frost and jingling sleighbells. Not so, however, with the resident of New South Wales. Mr. Morley Roberts spent the holiday season once in an Australian ranch, and his experience is told in his "Land-travel and Sea-faring."

By Christmas-time the summer sun had reduced everything to a universal brown. Paths and roads were axle deep in dust, and the sand-hills were like dry quicksand.

The air was usually calm and still, but when the wind did blow, the clouds of dust and sand choked man and beast. On windless days fantastic whirlwinds, vast and funnel-shaped, stalked across the plain, revolving with terrific rapidity and loud hissing.

The air was hot and heavy, burning the throat and lungs and drying up the skin. The rays of the sun came back reddoubled from the fiery ground; the heat could be felt through the sole of a man's boot.

It seemed impossible that the heat could increase, yet as Christmas drew near it was hotter and hotter still. Every day we declared, almost in terror, that the thermometer could not get any higher, yet every day it went up several degrees higher yet. On Christmas Day it stood one hundred and fifteen degrees in the shade, four days after it registered one hundred and twenty degrees, and on New Year's Day it stood at one hundred and twenty-five degrees, and did not alter for three days. This was in the shade under the verandah. What it was in the sun I did not have the courage to inquire.

The wind was like a blast of heat that comes from a tapped furnace. The sheep and horses stood all day in the shade, their drooping heads toward the tree trunks; the fowls, also, kept shelter, and all went with open mouths and lolling tongues. The ground in the sun was as hot as fire, and could hardly be touched with the hand; nor at midnight was there any perceptible alteration nor remission, for even then metal was almost too hot to be taken hold of.

Birds were found dead, struck by the sun in their flight. There was a somber melancholy about everything; it looked as if nature was about to die, for hope seemed lost and strength exhausted.

Near the end of January the thermometer dropped to one hundred degrees, and that seemed pleasantly cool to us.

HIS IDEA OF IT.

A little child who had recently attained the distinction of having a birthday—when all had conspired to give her a very happy time—made a remark in reference to the approach of Christmas. "We must all try to make Jesus enjoy His birthday, mustn't we mamma?"

The Christmas shopper and her allowances are soon parted.

A present in the shop window. There's a may a slip 'twixt the mistletoe and the tree.

A pretty girl is known by the mistletoe she hangs up.

FORTUNE FAVORS THE BRAVE; OR, A LOOK INTO THE PAST

CHAPTER III.—(Cont'd)

Dr. Grantley had been down several times to see her, and was astonished at the difference in his protégée.

She had been a fragile, delicate-looking creature; but now she was growing into a magnificent young woman, with the promise of a splendid figure to match her ruddy brown hair and dark-blue eyes.

From him Nancy heard news of her uncle, and though she felt relieved, she could not easily reconcile that he should be so easily reconciled to her absence, so she was left to her own devices, and she revelled in her freedom.

The future stretched out clear before her, without one dark cloud to dim its brightness; and, strong in her own will, and in Dr. Grantley and Nurse Wortley's friendship, she feared nothing.

Early in April Ripstone was thrown into a state of excitement by the arrival of Sir Humphrey Leicester and his only child and heiress, Dorothy, at Ripstone Hall, from which they had been absent nearly a year.

Nancy was too busy to trouble her head with this news. She was working harder than usual, both with Miss Tudor, the schoolmistress, and with Nurse Wortley.

But one morning, as she was on her way to the village, she met a young girl on horseback, who seemed to her the very loveliest being she had ever seen, with her short, thick, golden curls flying in picturesque confusion on her shoulders, and her eyes, of deep gray, shining from out her pink-tinged face.

Dorothy Leicester drew rein. "May I speak to you?" she said. "You are Miss Hamilton, are you not?"

Then she introduced herself, and Nancy, flattered and pleased by the other's notice, responded warmly.

Miss Leicester, who was very young, chatted on lightly, and then, waving her hand, rode away. "I must go and see how poor Mrs. Wortley's lame leg is, and then I must go home, for I fancy we shall have a storm. Good-bye; I hope I shall see you again very soon."

Nancy walked into Miss Tudor's room, and sat down to her German lesson, quite bewildered by Dorothy Leicester's charms.

"How pretty she is, and how nice!" she thought. "She treated me like an equal!"

The storm Miss Leicester had predicted came down with tremendous force, and Nancy had to wait in the village till it cleared, then ran home to Laburnum Cottage, full of the delightful girl whom she had met.

"She was here for nearly an hour. She would stay, though I persuaded her to go home, for I feared she would be caught in the storm; and she is not strong," Nurse Wortley told her.

"Oh, I hope she got home before it," Nancy exclaimed.

Nurse Wortley shook her head. "Miss Dorothy is a madcap, and will play pranks. I shan't be surprised to hear she is ill."

And on the following day this prophecy was fulfilled, for toward evening the village doctor came, leaving to Nurse Wortley, and saying Miss Leicester was in bed with an attack of inflammation of the lungs, besought her to go up to the Hall and nurse her.

To her great regret Mrs. Wortley was compelled to refuse.

"I am such an invalid myself, I should be of no use; but here is one who can go, and who will be as good, if not better, than I am. She is my pupil, and I answer for her."

That night Nancy Hamilton took her place by Dorothy Leicester's bedside, and so her work began.

There was consternation and widespread pain when the news of Miss Leicester's illness was circulated. The inhabitants of Ripstone looked on with anxiety, and expressed their sincere sympathy for her, for they knew what anguish Sir Humphrey must be suffering.

Dorothy was all that was left to him—the sole legacy of his brief, happy marriage—the very joy of his existence. From the day of her birth his girl had never been thwarted, never crossed, and yet, by some strange contradiction, Dorothy was not a spoiled child; she had, it is true, a hasty temper and a slightly imperious manner, but these were her only faults, and she was universally beloved.

Nancy felt that her first nursing experience was at once an arduous and anxious one. When she reached the Hall, having departed as quickly as possible, and saw Sir

Humphrey's white face and anxious eyes, she faltered, but only for a moment; the next she was calmly removing her hat, and going about her business quietly and methodically.

"She is so young," Sir Humphrey murmured to the doctor.

"She will do," the latter nodded approvingly, as he watched the girl.

And Nancy Hamilton did "do," for in less than three weeks Miss Leicester was pronounced so much better that she was allowed to sit up in her room. She had taken an immense fancy to our heroine, and was never so happy as when her young nurse was beside her. As for Sir Humphrey, he positively overhauled Nancy with expressions of gratitude, although she had done absolutely nothing to merit them.

"You must not mind what papa says to you," Dorothy would say, with a smile, "you know he is so fond of me, and you have saved my life, Nurse Hamilton."

Nancy always shook her head with a smile.

One morning when she returned from her necessary sleep—for she still persisted in sitting up—with Dorothy through the night—she found her patient in a great state of excitement.

"Nurse! nurse! what do you think papa has just told me? My cousins, Merefield and Derrick Darnley are coming to see me to-day; I am so glad."

Nancy prudently threw a soft, white shawl over the girl's shoulders.

"That is no reason why you should risk catching cold, Miss Leicester," she said, reprovingly.

"Oh! I am all right," cried Dorothy; "but, nurse, isn't it nice? I do so long to see Derry."

"And not Lord Merefield?"

"Oh, yes; George is a dear boy, but he is not Derry."

Dorothy's face colored as she spoke. Nancy busied herself in putting away one or two things in the luxurious bedroom. Dorothy watched her for a moment or two.

"Nurse Hamilton," she said, suddenly, "do you know what I wish most of all in the world?"

"No," answered Nancy, smiling. "Come here, and I will tell you."

Nancy obeyed.

"I want to keep you with me always. No, don't move; give me your hand, Nancy. May I call you Nancy? You are much too sweet and young to be called 'nurse.' I love you so much, Nancy, and papa loves you, too. I told him I wanted you to live with me and be my sister, and he is delighted."

But Nancy Hamilton had risen to her feet again.

"Your sister?" she repeated, hurriedly, and with deep agitation. "Oh, please don't joke with me. I—I can't bear it!"

"I am not joking," Miss Leicester cried, indignantly. "Joking! when it is the very dearest wish of my heart! Nancy, it is you who are unkind."

"Oh, my dear," Nancy said, kneeling at her feet and gathering the two small, thin hands in hers, her eyes growing more and more magnificent in their beauty each minute, "you daze me with these words! It sounds so beautiful, but it can't be, you know. We are not equal. I am alone in the world—quite alone—a nobody; while you—"

"I am Dorothy Leicester, accustomed to have my own way, and I don't mean to be beaten in this instance. Papa and I have quite made up our minds, and—"

"But think," urged Nancy, eagerly, "think what all your family—your friends, will say. They will look down on me, Dorothy; they will not have your beautiful nature. I shall be called hard, cruel names. People will say that I have taken advantage of my position, of yours, and your father's gratitude to serve my own ends. Oh! I know the world!"

"Let them say what they will," Dorothy Leicester declared, imperiously, putting her arms round Nancy, lovingly. "You are going to be my sister, and there is an end of the matter. No, I won't hear another word."

"Oh! but I must speak," Nancy insisted, eagerly, nervously. "Give me till to-morrow to think it all over—it is only one day."

"Well, you may have one day," acceded the golden-haired, pretty little autocrat, "but remember, I don't intend to let you do anything you wish in the matter; everything has to be only as I wish!"

Nancy's eyes filled with tears, and she felt she could not say another word then, so, rising, she went with a heavy heart and threw

ing a shawl around her, she went out into the grounds to be quite alone till her excitement and agitation had abated.

A home was offered her, and such a home! No dingy shop, no vulgar neighbors, no common, poverty-stricken surroundings, but a home of which a queen might well be proud. She could not realize it yet.

She—Nancy Hamilton—the drudge, the hard-worked, lonely, friendless girl—she to live here, not as a dependent, as a servant, but as an adopted child of the house!

Oh, it was too absurd! And yet, even as she thought this, she recalled Dorothy's determination, and all the little stories she had heard of the girl's undoubted sovereignty. She had been an eye-witness herself to much of this, and as she walked under the leafless trees in the blustering March wind, she began to realize that it was no dream—that her future was being shaped for her, and she had only to put out her hand and grasp it—a future full of luxury, of happiness, and of ambition, for in such a home what culture could she not obtain?

Her heart beat fast and quick as the tempting vista spread itself before her eyes, then she checked it. "No, no," she said, resolutely, "this is foolish. Dorothy has spoken hastily. She must have time to think. It would be worse than useless to argue with her, but I must speak to Sir Humphrey—I must put plain facts before him—then perhaps I had better go away, and so this fancy will grow fainter and gradually be forgotten."

With this she turned to go back to the Hall. As she walked up one avenue she saw Sir Humphrey standing at the old Gothic entrance with two young men, and Nancy at once guessed that Lord Merefield and Mr. Darnley had arrived.

When she entered the sick room her patient was full of excitement.

"Give me my white silk peignoir, Nancy dear," she said; "and will you brush my hair as you did it yesterday? Williams can't do it half so well as you can."

"As you have visitors this afternoon I think I shall run down and see Mrs. Wortley," Nancy said, when this task of love was finished.

"I want to know how she is."

"Don't be away long, then, for I want you to meet my cousins—your cousins that are to be, Nancy darling."

Nancy went to her room thoughtfully.

"She is such a child," she said to herself, with a sigh; "and yet we are about the same age; but what is so much to me is only a whim, a bagatelle to her. She may tire of her 'sister' in a week; it is very beautiful, very tempting; but I am not born for this sort of life. I am a worker; my lot is not for velvet and jewels, but real, downright drudgery—don't let me forget that—my father's people have cast me off and I am nobody."

She put on her neat hat and jacket, and prepared to go into the village. She had seen very little of Nurse Wortley, and felt that on this, her free afternoon, she ought to go to Laburnum Cottage. As she walked along her thoughts went back, as they often did, to her uncle, to the shop, the noise, the dirt, the misery of that life; and her cheeks colored fiercely at the remembrance of Thomas Moss' insults, and at that last degradation, the time when he had kissed her.

"At least, I am free from him," she said to herself, with a shudder, and then a sigh of relief. "If Dr. Grantley had not helped me I must have gone mad! Even now I tremble when I think of him. Please God he may never come into my life again."

(To be continued.)

FRANCE'S BLACK SOLDIERS.

Tribes of French Africa Willingly Enroll Under Tri-Color.

The report of the mission of which Colonel Mangin is the head, states that the scheme for recruiting an army of negro soldiers in the French possessions in Western Africa promises to be completely successful, and that in Senegal and French Nigeria the Republic possesses an immense reserve of first-class fighting material. Colonel Mangin is said to have assured the Government that recruiting is not only possible, but very easy. He has held long "palavers" with the chiefs of the various districts, and has everywhere received assurance of hearty support. In French Guinea alone the chiefs have undertaken to provide nearly four thousand recruits annually. Colonel Mangin states that in four years it will be possible to create an army of about a quarter of a million splendid fighting men in French West Africa, and that if necessary this number could be increased almost indefinitely.

The raising of the force is of great importance to the Republic. It will, in the first place, enable Algeria to be garrisoned with perfectly loyal black troops, and thus provide for the large garrison there

to be transferred to Europe in case of necessity. It is not intended that this black army should ever serve in France itself, but it is easy to conceive circumstances in which a resort to this might be justifiable. It must be remembered that the total population of the French Empire exceeds that of the German Empire, and that in the event of a life-and-death struggle with her great neighbor France might be glad to avail herself of the enormous reserves of men in her African colonies, to whom fighting is the only occupation worthy of a man's attention. The creation of a great native army in French West Africa is an enterprise worthy of close observation, but one which, in the course of a few years, will create a factor that must be taken into account in European politics.

BANK OF MONTREAL.

Report of Annual Meeting.

The 33rd annual general meeting of the shareholders of the Bank of Montreal was held at the head office of the company on December 5th, with Mr. R. B. Angus, the president, in the chair. The annual statement submitted was one of the best in the history of this financial institution. The Bank of Montreal, which is so ultimately bound up with the financial history of this country, has become the strongest of our financial institutions. At the present her total assets have reached the enormous sum of \$240,000,000. With her 147 branches scattered throughout the country the bank is able to keep in close touch with the business interests of every community, and is doing her full share in promoting the financial and industrial development of the country.

The annual report showed a balance of profit and loss on Oct. 31, 1909, of \$803,796. The profits for the year ended Oct. 31, 1910, after deducting charges of management and making full provision for all bad and doubtful debts, was \$1,797,692, making the total profits \$2,401,789. From this was deducted four quarterly dividends at 2½ per cent., amounting altogether to \$1,420,000, leaving a balance of profit and loss carried forward at the end of October, 1910, of \$981,789.

A further examination of the report shows that the bank has deposits bearing interest of over \$154,000,000, while considerably over \$43,000,000 is on deposit not bearing interest. During the year the deposits had increased by \$18,000,000, an indication of the bank's growth. The note circulation of the bank amounted to \$14,502,000, being slightly larger than the paid-up capital. The bank has a reserve or reserve account of the large sum of \$12,000,000. The amount of call and short loans in Great Britain and the United States was reduced by \$14,000,000 during the year and now amounts to \$61,918,000. This amount of money is kept on call in New York and London at a low rate of interest, as the bank finds it less disturbing to Canadian business interest to have it on deposit in foreign centres. It is worth on deposit in Canada and were demanded at a few hours' notice it might seriously embarrass local institutions.

The loans and advance made by the bank during the year show an increase of \$21,000,000, indicating that the bank is doing its full share in assisting in the development of our rapidly growing country. Altogether the financial statement is one of the most creditable ever presented by Canada's premier financial institutions. The business transacted has been large, the profits to the bank have been satisfactory, the deposits, loans, circulation, as well as the assets have all increased throughout the year. To-day the bank is in a better position than ever to cater to the needs of the business communities, and better able to assist in the financial development of the country than ever before.

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When all men wish you with the angels you may be sure you're far from them.

Smooth people who hope to slide into heaven find that the skids run the other way.

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On the Farm

LEACHING OF PLANT FOOD.

The light open soils are more likely to lose plant food than the heavier clays or soils that are full of humus. The heaviest loss is in nitrogen in the form of nitric acid. In the drainage water from an English field at the Rothamsted Experiment Farm the heaviest loss was in lime, the next largest in nitric acid with very small amounts of potash and phosphoric acid. The plant food is retained in the soil partly by a chemical action and partly by mechanical power. The chemical action depends largely upon lime. When organic matter is broken up or decays ammonia is formed. If the chemical changes go further nitrates are formed, and the loss of nitrogen in drainage water is largely in this form. The ammonia in the soil is often held there by making a combination with lime. The result of this is that while the ammonia remains fixed in the soil, the combination with lime is soluble and passes off in the water. This partly accounts for the large amount of lime which the soil loses.

The action in the soil to hold potash is much the same—lime being needed to promote the chemical actions. Here also the lime leaves its combination in the soil to form a new combination to hold the potash while itself enters a soluble form and passes off in the water.

With phosphoric acid there can be but little loss by drainage since lime, iron oxide and other substances quickly combine with the soluble phosphoric acid and hold it in new forms.

It will be seen, therefore, that it is very important that soils should contain an abundance of lime, since this element is so necessary in holding this plant food. The lighter soils and gravels are often deficient in lime and thus the chemical actions which serve to hold plant food do not go on rapidly. Lime benefits these soils by supplying this need and also by making them more compact. With phosphoric acid in particular on this light sand is often a loss—not from leaching, but in forming insoluble compounds. If lime were abundant the soluble phosphoric acid in fertilizers and manures would combine with it first, and this would be the best form in which to hold it. If lime is lacking the combination may be made with iron or silicates of alumina, and this will lock up the plant food out of reach of the plants. That is one reason why complaint is often made as satisfactory results does not give as satisfactory results on many light sands as on the heavier clays. One reason why manures seem to "give out" quicker on light soils is because such soils are warmer and more open to the air. This hastens decay, or what is called "burning up" of the organic matters. This means rapid formation of nitrates if there is no living crop on hand, and as we have seen, these nitrates are about the only part of the plant food that is likely to be lost. The open soils are more "leaky"—that is they permit a more rapid movement of water than the compact soils or those that are stuffed with organic matter. When nitrate of soda is used on the lighter soils there is little if any of its nitrogen left for another season except what has been taken up by crops. That is



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COUNTY COUNCIL

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cultural country under the sun than Ontario. But this industry is only in its infancy. Farming to-day is extensive rather than intensive. This will change however.

Mr. Ketcheson made light of scientific farming. He opposed action until January in the matter of the grant.

Mr. Sills knew the benefits of scientific farm training. But as he was not fully informed he would caution delay in the grant.

Mr. Clarke advocated delay. He favored paying a lump sum of money to the school if the county council were liable, instead of three annual instalments.

Mr. Hanley supported Mr. Clark's contention.

The chairman, Mr. Dryden, while not in favor of granting money at the last session of the year, yet felt that in this case no mistake would be made in giving the grant. New members would be in the council in January who might not understand the situation. Towns are heavily taxed for educational purposes, which should never be stunted of their full share. Mr. Dryden waxed eloquent on the benefits of farm training as contrasted with city life. The farmer is lord of all he surveys.

Dr. Howby reiterated Mr. Dryden's statement as to the heavy demands upon towns and villages for education. It is just a matter of postponing the evil day in delaying the grant.

Mr. Martin appearing at the bar of the council, at his request, defied anyone to show that there had been any broken faith between the council and the board. The tax in Stirling is 10 mills for school purposes, exclusive of private contributions. The grant of \$2,000 instead of \$1,000 yearly for three years would save the issuing of debentures for thirty years and the expense connected therewith. The grant would not interfere with any levies made.

Mr. Ketcheson wanted to see the matter investigated.

His Honor the warden declared that the committee had studied the whole question and had incorporated their convictions in their report.

Mr. Cook advocated the adoption of the report.

Mr. Kirk declared the figures for repairs were an estimate and not a contract price.

The Warden stated that repairs would be made to the old school building besides the new wing. The county was asked only for its share of the cost of repairs and maintenance.

Mr. Clarke thought the council was not cognizant of all the details of the matter. He was more than ever convinced of the need of delay. The new council would contain a majority of the members of the old.

The motion that the report of the committee be received and adopted was lost.

The amendment that the report be received and action delayed until January was carried.

FRIDAY MORNING

Mr. Montgomery introduced a by-law to have the council take over Seeley's bridge on the 2nd con. Rawdon.

Mr. Cook introduced a by-law appointing county auditors.

The by-laws were given their first reading and referred to the committee of the whole on by-laws.

Moved by Mr. Hanley, seconded by Mr. Ketcheson, that a committee be appointed at this session to inspect a number of the old and weakest county wooden bridges with a view of deciding what bridges should be built, and if it seemed advisable that the superstructure of bridges which are to be built should be proceeded with during the winter, that the committee have authority to let the contract for the same, also for the steel superstructure, and that the chairman of roads and bridges be chairman of said committee.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Ketcheson, seconded by Mr. Newton, that the chairman of roads, Mr. Hanley Kirk, and reeves or deputy reeves of township in which bridge is being inspected, be also members of the committee.—Carried.

Mr. Clark moved seconded by Mr. Douglas, that the life of the committee be until its successor is appointed.—Carried.

Mr. Newton moved, seconded by Mr. Kells, that the Warden and Clerk be authorized to sign the deed conveying the right of way to the C. N. R. of crossing lots 8 and 9, known as the Refuge property for \$1,750 according to the agreement.—Carried.

Mr. Hanley moved that the Local Legislature be petitioned to increase the tax on autos using county roads, from \$1 to \$25. Auto owners wanted good roads and were willing to pay for them.—Carried.

His Honor Warden Mather, spoke on the matter of issuing debentures for bridge improvement. The county council could issue debentures to the extent of 2 per cent of the equalized assessment for improvements regarding bridges within the county road system. He also mentioned that there was a probability of the legislature enacting that the towns and cities help pay for the upkeep of the county roads.

The matter of the Frankford bridge over the Trent river was again taken up.

His Honor the Warden, spoke in glowing terms of the noble work of the report of the roads and bridges committee. He had ordered 200 copies of it to be prepared for distribution among the councillors. It was, he considered, an

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FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Appropos of the report showing the work done by the bridge and roads committee, Mr. Ketcheson spoke at length on the action of Sidney township council regarding the matter of roads and bridges. He read a copy of the memorial which had been forwarded to the Department of Railways and Canals in reference to the changes made by the Government's operations on the Trent river. The question of dams 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 was brought up. The expenditure on necessary roads and three bridges would amount to \$150,000. Highways had to be furnished on each side of the canal and taxes were lost on land covered now by water. The matter of power utility was one of the strong features of the memorial, which stated that the township of Sidney ought to benefit by such developments as it had to bear the inconveniences. The government was asked to assume control of the roads along the river, bridges etc.

To the Warden, Mr. Massey Harris Co. had control of one of the dams. The Government had given power to those who had right to the dams. Such were the town of Trenton and village of Glen Miller. Mr. Ketcheson thought the Trenton Electric and the Seymour Power Co. were the others with right. Mr. Ketcheson in closing added his tribute of praise to Mr. Cook and the members of the committee on roads and bridges for their work during the year. Mr. Cook in behalf of the committee made an appropriate reply.

The resignation of Mr. Thomas Stout, road foreman, which was laid over from the June to the December session, was considered. He had been in the employ of the county for over forty-five years, and had become crippled with rheumatism while looking after the county's interests. Mr. Cook related the facts of the case and was in favor of granting him \$50 and recommending that each succeeding council do the same.

A motion of Mr. Hanna prevailed that Mr. Stout be given \$50, with the recommendation that each succeeding council do the same.

Mr. Cook moved, seconded by Mr. Sills that \$10 remuneration be paid the county clerk for correspondence and postage connected with equalization.—Carried.

On motion, the council went into committee of the whole on by-laws with Mr. White in the chair.

Mr. Montgomery introduced a by-law for the county to assume control of Seeley's bridge in the 2nd concession of Rawdon, lot 7.

Mr. Cook outlined the present conditions. Many other bridges in like situation were under the supervision of the county. One hundred and seventy dollars had been spent on repairs.

Mr. Bleeker stated that the bridge had originally been 350 feet in length, but had been narrowed to 35 feet with filling. He favored the idea of the county assuming its control.

A by-law to appoint county auditors was introduced by Mr. Cook.

The blanks were afterward filled in with the names of C. W. Thompson and W. C. Farley.

The by-laws were given their third reading, signed, sealed and numbered 684 and 685 respectively.

Dr. Howby moved, seconded by Mr. Newton, that the usual statutory grants to the Teacher's Associations in North, Center and South Hastings be made.—Carried.

Council adjourned until Saturday.

SATURDAY MORNING

Moved by Mr. Kells, seconded by Mr. Dryden, that the council go into a committee of the whole on roads and bridges.—Carried.

Mr. Montgomery took the chair. The committee rose and reported. The report was received, read and adopted.

On motion the Warden left the chair and Mr. Dryden took the chair.

Moved by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Kirk, that the thanks of this council be extended to His Honor the Warden for the very able, courteous and unbiased manner in which he has presided over this council, and also for his excellent services rendered to the county during his term of office.

The resolution was carried unanimously by a standing vote.

The Warden replied expressing his appreciation of the kind and unanimous expression of the council.

The minutes of the meeting, Friday,

December 9th were read and adopted.

Moved by Mr. Dryden, seconded by Mr. Clark, that the council do now adjourn sine die.—Carried.

FIVE CHILDREN LEFT.

MOTHER DIED OF CONSUMPTION AND ONE LITTLE GIRL IS NOW AT GRAVENHURST.

A short time ago a woman in the advanced stages of tuberculosis died in her own home. By her death five little ones were left without the care of their mother. There was money enough in the family to make some provision for the care of the children, but it was almost impossible to secure anyone who would render this service, so afraid are many people of this dread disease. A visitor to the home says that time and time again she had found the baby sleeping in her sick mother's bed, and near by food was stored from which the children partook. A sequel is revealed in the fact that to-day one of these five children is a patient in Gravenhurst, and the baby is in the children's ward at the Toronto Free Hospital for Consumptives.

It is for the care of such sufferers as these that the Muskoka Free Hospital for Consumptives has been built. The tax on the accommodation is heavy, and the Trustees have only been able to make the large extensions of the present year by borrowing heavily from the bank. An appeal is now made for the aid of the community to provide a place where children, such as are referred to here, may find a home with good possibilities of cure.

Contributions may be sent to W. J. Gage, Esq., Chairman Executive Committee, 84 Spadina avenue, or Sec.-Treas. National Sanitarium Association, 317 King St. W., Toronto.

The Muskoka Free Hospital accepts patients from any part of the Dominion, and not a single patient has ever been refused because of poverty.

The Muskoka Free Hospital for Consumptives tells of a mother who, with her two children, is now under treatment in that institution. The husband had been a patient, but the case was an advanced one when the patient entered, and he has since passed away. There is little doubt but that the wife was infected as a result of caring for her husband, and now she is in the Muskoka Hospital. Her little girl, about five years of age, and a boy of ten are with her, both being afflicted with this dread disease.

The words of the mother are pathetic. She writes: "I went to a doctor and got him to examine my lungs to see whether there was anything wrong with them, and he said that the right lung was affected. A little rest, he hoped, would build me up. I have a little girl, about five years old, and the doctor says that if I could take her up with me it would do her ever so much good, as she is not very strong. I have three more children, and one of these, a boy of ten, seems also to be afflicted, and it is advisable that he should enter the hospital."

These three are of the 104 patients who are residents in this deserving institution and being cared for without money and without price. The sorry part of it is that the trustees are carrying a debt of something like \$40,000, incurred largely through the additions that have been made within the past year, and that have more than doubled the accommodation of the institution, together with the heavy cost of maintaining so large a number of free patients.

Readers who desire to help this great charity may send their contributions to Mr. W. J. Gage, Chairman Executive Committee, 84 Spadina avenue, or to the Secretary-Treasurer, 317 King street west, Toronto.

The Muskoka Free Hospital has ever lived up to its claims of never having refused a single patient because of his or her poverty.

Edward Harrison of Madoc, was taken to Belleville and lodged in the county jail, charged with assaulting his wife. He will be tried by Judge Deroche.

Many persons and themselves affected with a persistent cough after an attack of influenza. As this cough can be promptly cured by the use of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, it should not be allowed to run on until it becomes troublesome. Sold by all dealers.

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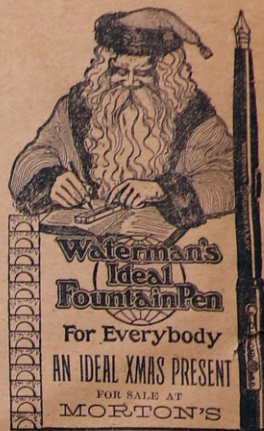
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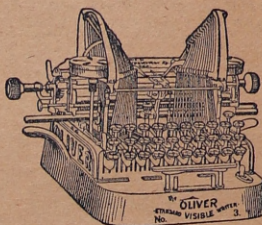
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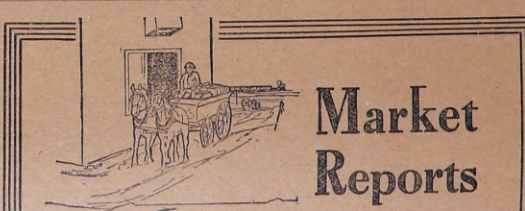
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PERSONALS.

Mr. Judson H. Bush is at home for the
Christmas holidays.
Mr. T. Hume Bissanette is at home for
the holidays.
Miss Florence Ferguson, Belleville, is
spending Christmas at home.
Mr. Frank Clarke is spending a few days
with relatives in town.
Mr. John Hutcheson, of Toronto, spent
Monday and Tuesday at Mrs. Wm. Mc-
Cann's.

Presentation and Address

On Tuesday evening, December 13th,
1910, the very quiet home of Mr. and Mrs.
James Lake and Glen Ross, seemed the cen-
tre of attraction. Early in the evening,
crowds with well filled baskets began to
arrive. Still they came, until the crowd
numbered over eighty old and young, all
bent on having a good time. And the friend-
ly greetings and address was read and pre-
sentation made. It is needless to say that
Mr. and Mrs. Lake were completely taken
by surprise, although both in well chosen
remarks thanked all present for being so
kindly remembered, and extended strong
invitations to all present to visit them in
their new home.
Rev. L. S. Wight being present, gave a
short address which was well received.
The party then betook themselves to the
contents of the well filled baskets which
were highly relished by old and young.
The rest of the evening was spent in social
intercourse and plays.
The party broke up at the usual hour,
all wondering their way homeward feeling
satisfied they had spent a very enjoyable
evening with Mr. and Mrs. Lake.
Following is the address.
Dear Mrs. Lake,
We hope you will pardon us for the very
abrupt manner in which we have invaded
your very quiet home this evening. We
assure you that we have no hostile in-
tentions, but on the contrary thought this a
fitting opportunity to show in some tan-
gible way the respect and esteem we have
for you. During all these years you have
resided in our midst, we have found you a
genial and sympathizing friend, ever
ready at all times and under trying cir-
cumstances to aid in any good cause.
During all these years in which you have
been an active worker in Carmel Sabbath
School and organist we have always found
you a willing worker for the Master. No
matter how inattentive you may be, we
were always at your post of duty. We
are pleased to know that you will still
be a resident of this neighborhood and
a worker in Carmel Church. You have
taken of the high esteem in which you are
held by Mr. and Mrs. Sylvanus Hubel,
their ardent prayer is, that you and your
esteemed husband may be guided through
life by the teachings of God's Word.
We also ask you to accept this set of
dishes and clock as a slight token of the
love and respect in which you are held by
your co-workers in Carmel Church and in
fact, by the entire neighborhood and in
the years to come may their gifts remind
you of your friends and friends in the
vicinity of Carmel and Glen Ross. And
may God's blessing follow you and your
worthy husband all through life wherever
your lot may be cast.
Signed on behalf of your friends and
neighbors,
MRS. CHARLES BAILEY
MRS. WILLIAM WALLACE.

Obituary

PAUL EGGLETON
The subject of this sketch was born in
the county of Northumberland, in the
year 1834, and died in great triumph at
his daughter's home, viz, the residence of
Mrs. George Clarke, in the township of
Stirling, Co. Hastings, on Sunday, Septem-
ber 25th 1910, at the ripe old age of 76
years. Honored and respected by all who
knew him, he and she who was to become
his future wife crossed the Atlantic in the
same vessel and were rocked in the same
cradle.
On arriving in Canada the families be-
came separated and the children did not
meet again for ten years. However, the
providence of God brought them together
once more, the friendship was renewed
and resulted in their marriage, a union
which proved to be of God. He was
suddenly converted when 18 years of age,
as was his wife at the same revival service
at 20 years of age. He was appointed a
class leader in the Methodist Church,
which office he filled most acceptably for
30 years. He was also an accredited local
preacher for 50 years, was sound in his
theology and an able exponent of the
Word. He selected his own funeral text,
being the same his wife had selected for
her funeral service—who died one year
previously, viz, Job 10, 11. "But man
dieth and wasteth away, yea man giveth
up the Ghost and where is he?" His
funeral took place on September 27th.
The Rev. Geo. E. Ross, his pastor,
assisted in the service by Rev. E. A. Tom-
kins his pastor, and the Rev. W. H. H.
Clarke. The exceedingly large congrega-
tion bespoke the very high esteem in
which he was held by all who knew him,
and he was laid to rest in the Oak Hill
Cemetery beside his late wife, in sure and
certain hope of a glorious resurrection.
He leaves to mourn his loss 5 sons and
3 daughters, viz, Walton of Stirling, George
of Stirling, and Mrs. James Stanley of
Rawdon and Mrs. Zeph of Prince Edward
County, two daughters, viz, Mrs. J.
Dickens and Mrs. B. Bissanette, having
died some years ago. The memory of the just
is blessed.
G. E. Ross.

Germany is experimenting with glass
telephone poles, reinforced with wire.

ADVERTISING NOTICES

In the local column will be charged as follows:
To Regular Advertisers.—Three lines and un-
der, 25 cents each insertion; over three lines,
75c per line. Matter set in larger than the or-
dinary type, 10c. per line.
To Transient Advertisers.—10c. per line each
insertion. No insertion less than 25c.

RAILWAY TIME TABLE.

Trains leave Stirling station as follows—
GOING WEST. GOING EAST.
Mail & Ex., 6.03 a. m. Passenger, 10.27 a. m.
Passenger, 6.45 p. m. Mail & Ex. 3.47 p. m.

The Stirling News-Argus.

THURSDAY, DEC. 22, 1910.

LOCAL MATTERS.

Christmas Greeting

THE NEWS-ARGUS wishes
its many patrons and ev-
erybody many returns of
this joyous season.

Services in St. John's Church Christ-
mas Day: Holy Communion 8.15 a. m.
Evensong 7 p. m. Special music.

The ladies of Spring Brook W. M. S.
have sent a quilt to the House of Refuge
as a present to the old people there
from the Township of Rawdon.

Remember the Christmas entertain-
ment under the auspices of the Meth-
odist Sunday School in the Opera
House, on Monday evening next, Dec.
20th.

The balance of the report of the Coun-
ty Council proceedings will be found in
this issue. Though the report is
lengthy it will be found interesting, as
much of it concerns matters intimately
connected with this village and vicinity.

The Home Department of the Weekly
Sun, Toronto, is specially edited and
presents the latest ideas in every
branch of the home work, in which the
farmer's wife or daughter is interested.
Your reading is not complete without
the Sun.

The Christmas entertainment to be
given in the Opera House on Friday
evening, December 30th, by the Sun-
day School of St. John's Church pro-
mises to eclipse anything heretofore
held by them. Come and enjoy the
evening. Admission, adults 25c., child-
ren 15c. Reserved seats 35c., for sale
at the Drug Store.

The latest sensation is the suspension
of the Farmer's Bank. This is one of
the newest banks, and has been in op-
eration a little less than four years.
It had a paid up capital of a little over
half a million, and the latest bank
statement showed deposits of over
\$1,300,000. The noteholders will not
lose anything, but depositors may
have to wait some time before receiv-
ing their money. It will not be known
for some time whether the sharehold-
ers will get anything, or whether or
not they will have to pay an addition-
al amount under the double liability
clause in the Bank Act. The Bank
had thirty-two branches in Ontario,
the nearest being at Belleville. The
branch at Trenton was recently taken
over by the Standard Bank.

An unusual number were present at
the Stirling Epworth League last Mon-
day night. A special programme had
been prepared to celebrate the Christ-
mas service. Mrs. L. S. Wight and
Miss E. Coulter contributed a duet,
Miss Reta Cummings gave a reading
upon Christmas-tide, and Mr. W. E.
Laycock delivered a paper upon the
abiding presence of Christ; dealing
chiefly with the mission of the twelve
apostles to preach the Gospel to every
nation, supported by their Master's
promise, "Lo, I am with you always,
even to the end of the world." Mr.
Laycock distinguished clearly between
the mission of the "Seventy" and the
mission of the "Twelve." He then
pointed out the disadvantages which
the "Twelve" contended with in en-
deavoring to perform their seemingly
impossible command; also the three
incidents,—the Crucifixion, the Resur-
rection and the Pentecost—necessary to
prepare them for their superhuman task,
their final triumph, and present day evi-
dences of the establishment of Christ's
kingdom on earth.

Auction Sale

Mr. John McKeiljohn, lot 22 in the
12th con. of Rawdon, will sell by pub-
lic auction all of his farm stock and im-
plements, on Wednesday, Jan. 4th, 1911.
See posters for particulars.

L. O. L. No. 172

Wellman's L. O. L. No. 172 held its
annual meeting and election of officers
on Monday evening, Dec. 19, with the
following result:
W. M.—Bro. Charles Morton.
D. M.—Bro. John Johnson.
Chaplain—Bro. Ernest White.
Rec. Sec.—Bro. Walter Scott.
Fin. Sec.—Bro. Elgin Jackman.
Treas.—Bro. W. W. Dracup.
1st D. of G.—Bro. Charles Dracup.
2nd D. of G.—Bro. John McKeiljohn.
1st Lect.—Bro. Herbert Mack.
2nd Lect.—Bro. Russell Johnson.
Committee—Bros. A. Thompson,
John Smart, Henry Cook, Fred Jeffs
and Jas. Linn.

Village Council

Council met in Council Chamber on
December 16th. Members present:
The Reeve, and Councillors McKeiljohn
and Wright.
Minutes of the last meeting read and
approved.
The following accounts were read:
F. A. Spentall, supplies for Interior
wiring, \$46 57
F. A. Spentall, for construction,
Opera House and Fire Hall, 72 41
Carlton Wright, cutting woods, 1 05
J. W. Brown, for Fire Hall, 15 40
Geo. Raymond, " " 15 40
B. R. Wright, wood for Mrs.
Smith, 4 39
Geo. Alcombrac, cleaning ditch
and work on Fire Hall, 3 50
Clifford Cain, cleaning ditch, 75
W. T. Sipe, construction account 10 50
Robert Fletcher, Fire practice, 1 50
On motion, the above accounts were
ordered to be paid.
Mr. McKeiljohn gave notice that at a
special meeting of the Council to be
held in the Council Chamber on Fri-
day evening, December 23rd, he will
introduce a by-law to the sale of power.
On motion the Council adjourned to
Friday evening, December 23rd.

A Handsome Christmas Box

The great advantage of the purchase
of Canadian Government Annuities for
their children should appeal to all par-
ents, for the annual payments are so
small that provision for their future
may be made with little, if any, sacri-
fice. For example, if an annuity of
\$100 payable at 63 may be secured for a
boy who was five last birthday for an
annual payment of only \$4.75, or less
than 10 cents a week, or for a total of
\$261.25. In the event of the death of
the child before he was sixty all the
money that had been paid in with 3%
compound interest would be refunded to
his heirs. When the boy arrived at
an age when he was earning for himself,
he could carry his own contract to com-
pletion at a rate far below what he
could have obtained at his then age.
It is the custom of many parents to
spend on their children at Christmas
time, amounts which at other times of
the year they feel they could not afford,
and too frequently are the purchases
made of no lasting or permanent bene-
fit. What if it were a better plan to
start each child on the road to the pur-
chase of a Canadian Annuity, and con-
tinue the "box" every Christmas until
he was able to carry it for himself?
The child if he lived, would remember
with gratitude Santa Claus' visit.
The following extract from a letter
received from the manager of one of
Canada's leading insurance companies,
shows what he thinks of the Annuities
proposition.
"In discussing the system of Gov-
ernment Annuities with my friends
from time to time I have always fran-
kly stated that in my opinion the bene-
fits offered for the rates charged are ex-
ceedingly liberal, and that I do not
know of any institution which could
possibly afford to offer terms so advan-
tageous. If the general working popu-
lation of Canada were able to realize
the favorable basis on which annuities
could be secured from the Government,
there would be very few among the
thrifty and thoughtful who would not
take advantage thereof."
Information as to how the purchase
may be made and of the cost at any age
will be supplied at your Post Office, or
by the Superintendent of Annuities,
Ottawa.

Marriage Bells

On Wednesday evening, Dec. 7th,
the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph
Bronson of Stirling was the scene of a
very pretty wedding, when their eldest
daughter, Nora Bernice, was united in
marriage to Mr. Russell Stapley of the
town of Lindsay.
Promptly at seven o'clock, while the
strains of the wedding march floated
about the room, at the command of
Miss Lillie Bronson, who played the
bride, the bride, leaning on the
arm of her father, carrying in her
hand a beautiful bouquet of lilies of the
valley, carnations and the usual firm,
dressed in a magnificent gown of
cream satin striped mull with long
bridal veil, took her place beside the
groom under an artistic arch, from the
centre of which was suspended a large
wedding bell.
The pretty little flower girls, Olive
and Marie Stapley, dressed in white
and wearing long veils, contributed
largely to the beauty of the scene and
did their part in a most commendable
manner.
Rev. G. E. Ross of Eldorado, a par-
even friend of both families, per-
formed the ceremony, and the rite was
performed with that solemnity, grace
and dignity which pertains to the
Church of God.
After congratulations the guests,
about 70 in number, repaired to the
dining hall where a very rich and
sumptuous repast was served in the
very best style. Mr. and Mrs. Bron-
son are worthy of our highest com-
mendation for the royal manner in
which the guests were entertained.
A gold locket and chain to the bride,
gold pins to the flower girls and a gold
brooch to Miss Lillie Bronson, who
played the wedding march, were the
gifts of the groom. Very numerous
and costly were the various gifts to
the bride, among them some bank
notes of fair denomination. The young
people enjoy the well-wishes of the
whole community and we wish
them abundant prosperity. They will
reside in Lindsay on their return from
a visit to the town of Marmora.
Com.

Deposits in Canadian banks at the
end of November amounted to over
\$40,000,000, as shown in the Govern-
ment's monthly statement.
Cream to the value of \$1,000,000 was
exported from Ontario and Quebec to
the State of New York between April
1st and November 30th. A clause in
the Pay Act—added in 1908—changed the
duty upon cream from 5 cents a pound to
5 cents a gallon. This led to an enor-
mous increase in the export of Cana-
dian cream, causing a number of cheese
factories in the Eastern Townships to
go out of business.

IT WILL PAY YOU
TO READ THIS ADVERTISEMENT

Only Two more business days until Christmas. Now is the time to do your Christ-
mas shopping. We have everything in stock suitable for presents for both young and old.
Come to this store for up-to-the-minute Presents of all descriptions. It is always a pleasure
to show our goods.

Umbrellas are Always Useful

No gift is surer of ultimate appreciation than a
good Umbrella. We have them at moderate prices for
both men and women. Prices range from 75c. to \$3.00
each.

Gloves Make Excellent Christmas
Gifts

We have them to suit all purses. Ladies' Kid
Gloves, all sizes, both Dent's and Perrin's makes, at
\$1.00 to \$1.75 per pair. Men's Mocha Gloves, all sizes.
Prices range from \$1.00 to \$1.75 per pair. Men's lined
Dog-skin Gloves, tan color, very special at \$1.25 to \$1.50
per pair. We have a special line of Men's Mocha
Gloves, all sizes, Sable lined up to the finger tips at...
\$2.25 per pair.

Ladies' Collars in all Shades and
Styles

We have just received an unusually large shipment
of Ladies' Collars and Belts for Christmas sales.
Ladies' Collars prices range from 25c. to \$1.75 each.
Ladies' Belts prices range from 19c. to \$1.00 each.

Handkerchiefs Handkerchiefs

Our handkerchief section is particularly full at this
season. Come in and let us show you all our new ones.
Men's and Ladies' Linen Handkerchiefs at from 5c.
to 50c. each. We have a special Men's Silk Handker-
chief with 1/2 and 1 inch hems, with or without initial.
Best of silk, at 35c. each or 3 for \$1.00.
CHILDREN'S SPECIAL.—A children's size all silk
Handkerchief, embroidered edges, imported direct
from Japan, at our special price of 5c. each.

Highest price paid for produce.

Ladies' Purses are Specially
Acceptable Gifts

We have them in prices ranging from 25c. to \$2.50.
We have a large satchel, guaranteed all leather, brass
trimmings, small inside purse to match, very suitable
for Christmas gifts, at...\$2.50

Men's Furnishings

TIES.—We have just placed in stock all the latest
shades and styles, to sell at 25c., 35c., 50c. each.
COLLARS.—We handle only the W. G. and R. makes,
all shapes and sizes.
3 ply Linen, sell at 15c. each or 2 for 25c.
4 ply Linen sell a 20c. or 3 for 50c.
SHIRTS.—All styles and sizes. The popular ones now
are Black and White, Blue and White, also Purple
and White stripes. We have them in all sizes at
\$1.00 and \$1.25 each. Come in and see them.

TOYLAND

This year we are showing a larger assortment of
toys than ever before. Bring the children in and let
them see them. They are just the thing that you were
wanting. Do not fail to see the electrically propelled
wheel in the west window. It will be there until after
Christmas.

CHRISTMAS GROCERIES

Seeded Raisins, special at...10c. per box
Cleaned Currants, special at...10c. per box
"Our Own" Extract, large size bottle, guaranteed as
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**Little Lad's "Merry Christmas"
Was Best Present.**

A few years ago on Christmas morning there came a bold knocking at the front door of the house in which the writer then lived.

The door was opened, and there stood a very little boy, poorly dressed, but rich in smiles and holiday happiness. His bright eyes sparkled and his cheeks were crimson—more from excess of cold than surplus of red blood.

"I come to give you a Christmas present," he said briskly. But he did not hold out anything as he spoke.

"I come to say to you, I hope you'll have a Merry Christmas," he added, and having delivered this gift, he turned and ran off as fast as he could.

A while before the writer had done himself a service by doing a small service for this boy. The little fellow hadn't a cent with which to buy a gift to express his appreciation, but he was big enough and fine enough to give the best he had, and, though he doesn't know it, his hope for a Merry Christmas was the greatest gift which came to that house that day.

BURIED UNDER TONS OF ROCK

Three Workmen Killed at Hillsboro, N. B., Quarries.

A despatch from Hillsboro, N.B., says: Buried beneath three or four hundred tons of rock and their lives instantly snuffed out was the terrible fate that befell three workmen in the Albert Manufacturing Company's quarries at Hillsboro, N.B., on Friday afternoon, while several others had miraculous escapes. The dead are: Fred Nelson, aged 40; Edward Collett, aged 45, and Theophilus Allain, aged 21. Octav Duplissay was severely injured.

FATAL LANDSLIDE.

Twenty Persons Buried Alive in White Haven, England.

A despatch from White Haven, England, says: Twenty persons were buried alive in a landslide here on Friday when a retaining wall gave way. A great mass of earth swept down upon a row of cottages and a woman, who saw the danger, tried to give the occupants warning, was killed. Workmen are working with feverish haste to uncover the bodies.

HINDU POLICE MUTINY.

Club Mohammedans They Were Assigned to Protect.

A despatch from Calcutta says: The Bakrid Mohammedan festival, which it was anticipated would be productive of riots, passed quietly enough until Tuesday evening, when thirty-two Hindu policemen employed to guard one of the Mohammedan mosques refused to allow the Mohammedans to sacrifice cows and clubbed the worshippers. The policemen have been arrested for mutiny.

CARNEGIE'S GREAT GIFT

**\$10,000,000 in Bonds for the Cause
of Universal Peace**

A despatch from Washington says: Surrounded by 27 trustees of his choosing, comprising former Cabinet members, ex-Ambassadors, college presidents, lawyers, and educators, Andrew Carnegie on Wednesday transferred \$10,000,000 in five per cent. first mortgage bonds, value \$11,500,000, to be devoted primarily to the establishment of universal peace by the abolition of war between nations and such friction as may impair "the progress and happiness of man."

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SAVED SERVANT'S LIFE.

**Montreal Woman Put Out Flames
by Rolling Victim in Snow.**

A despatch from Montreal says: Pulled from the kitchen, her garments in flames from the explosion of gasoline, with which she was cleaning a skirt, only the presence of mind of Mrs. Adolphe Robillard, 409 Denis Street, saved Delima Marcel, 40 years of age, employed as a servant, from death by burning. Mrs. Robillard threw the shrieking servant in the snow and rolled her body until the flames were extinguished. The woman was conveyed to the Notre Dame Hospital in the ambulance. Mrs. Robillard sustained painful burns to her hands, but otherwise escaped unhurt.

NEIL KEITH FOUND DEAD.

Prominent Winnipeg Railway Contractor Missing for Weeks.

A despatch from Winnipeg says: The body of Neil Keith, a railroad contractor of this city, who has been missing for the past six weeks, was discovered on Saturday in the hills several miles distant from his camp at Maryfield, southwest of Moosejaw, Sask. At the time of his disappearance he was in a poor state of health and is supposed to have been delirious. The late Mr. Keith was one of the best known contractors in western Canada.

GALE SWEEPS BRITAIN.

Sea Walls Were Demolished in Many Places.

A despatch from London says: After a fortnight of wet and stormy weather throughout the United Kingdom one of the fiercest sweeps ever recorded swept through the country on Friday. Enormous damage has been done on the Western and Southern English coasts. Sea walls have been demolished in many places. Several shops and houses at Ilfracombe have been smashed by the sea, and their contents washed out. Numerous wrecks have been reported and a score of lives have been lost. Disastrous floods have occurred in many places, where miles of country is submerged and the crops ruined. The temperature is abnormally high.

PETTY SMUGGLING IS RIFE.

Additional Searchers Appointed at the Falls.

A despatch from Niagara Falls, Ont., says: Petty smuggling of small merchandise here has grown to such magnitude during the last month that the Customs Department has taken the precaution to appoint two additional searchers to watch the two bridges for foot traffic. One of the new inspectors is a woman, Miss J. L. Ogilvie. The favorite scheme now in vogue here is to wear new clothing under old or to carry the old attire in bundles. Another plan much used is to slip small objects into empty dinner pails. Working people returning from the other side of the river will have to open their dinner baskets in the future.

THE WORLD'S MARKETS

**REPORTS FROM THE LEADING
TRADE CENTRES.**

**Prices of Cattle, Grain, Cheese and
Other Dairy Produce at
Home and Abroad.**

BREADSTUFFS.

Toronto, Dec. 20.—Flour—Winter wheat 90 per cent. patents, \$3.55 to \$3.60, seaboard. Manitoba flour—First patents, \$5.40; second patents, \$4.50, and strong bakers', \$4.70, on track, Toronto.

Manitoba Wheat—No. 1 Northern, 90c, Bay ports; No. 2 Northern 65½c, Bay ports, and No. 3 at 63c, Bay ports.

Ontario wheat—80c outside for No. 2 white and red winter. Barley—55c to 58c outside, and feed, 45 to 50c outside.

Oats—No. 2 white, 35c, on track, Toronto, and 32 to 32½c outside; No. 2 W. C. oats, 38c, Bay ports, and No. 3 at 36½c, Bay ports.

Corn—New No. 2 American, 54c, prompt shipment, Toronto freights. Peas—No. 2 shipping, 77 to 78c outside.

Rye—No. 2 at 59 to 60c outside. Buckwheat—No. 2 at 46 to 47c outside.

Bran—Manitoba, \$19 in bags, Toronto, and shorts \$21, in bags, Toronto. Ontario bran, \$19, in sacks, Toronto, and shorts, \$22.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Apples—Spys, \$4.50 to \$6; Baldwins, \$4 to \$5; Greenings, \$4 to \$4.50; No. 2 assorted, \$3.50 to \$3.75 per barrel.

Beans—Car lots, \$1.60 to \$1.70, and small lots, \$1.80 to \$1.90.

Honey—Extracted, in tins, 10½ to 11c per lb.; No. 1 comb, whole sale, \$2 to \$2.25 per dozen; No. 2 comb, wholesale, \$1.75 to \$1.85 per dozen.

Baled Hay—No. 1 \$12.50 to \$13 on track, and No. 2 at \$10 to \$11.

Baled Straw—\$7 to \$7.50 on track, Toronto.

Potatoes—Car lots, 70 to 75c per bag.

Poultry—Wholesale prices of dressed poultry—Chickens, 12½ to 13c per lb.; fowl, 9 to 11c per lb.; ducks, 13 to 14c per lb.; turkeys, 17 to 19c per lb. and geese, 12 to 12½c per lb. Live, 1 to 2c less.

THE DAIRY MARKETS.

Butter—Dairy prints, 22 to 24c; choice dairy solids, 21 to 22c; inferior, 18 to 19c. Creamery, 27 to 28c per lb. for rolls, 25c for solids, and 24 to 25c for separator prints.

Eggs—Case lots of pickled bring 27c; cold storage, 27 to 28c; selected, 28 to 31c, and strictly new-laid, 35 to 40c per dozen.

Cheese—Large, 12½c, and twins, 12½c.

HOG PRODUCTS.

Bacon—Long clear, 13 to 13½c per lb. in case lots; mess pork, \$24 to \$24.50; short cut, \$26 to \$26.50.

Hams—Light to medium, 16c; do., heavy, 15c; rolls, 12½c; shoulders, 12c; breakfast bacon, 15c; backs (pea meat), 18½c.

Lard—Tierces, 13½c; tubs, 14c; pails, 14½c.

BUSINESS IN MONTREAL.

Montreal, Dec. 20.—Oats—No. 2 Canadian Western, 39½ to 39½c; extra No. 1 feed, 38½c; No. 3 Canadian Western, 38½ to 38½c; No. 2 local white, 37½c; No. 3 local white, 36½c; No. 4 local white, 35½c. Barley—Manitoba No. 4, 48 to 48½c. Flour—Manitoba Spring wheat patents, firsts, \$5.60; do., seconds, \$5.10; Winter wheat patents, \$4.75 to \$5; Manitoba strong bakers', \$4.90; straight rollers, \$4.35 to \$4.50; do., in bags, \$2 to \$2.05; extras, \$1.65 to \$1.75. Feed—Ontario bran, \$18.50 to \$19; Ontario middlings, \$22 to \$22.50; Manitoba shorts, \$21 to \$22; Manitoba bran, \$18 to \$20; pure grain mouille, \$31 to \$32; mixed mouille, \$25 to \$26. Cheese—Finest western colored, 11½ to 11.75c; finest western white at 11½ to 11.50c, and easterns, 11½ to 11½c. Butter—Choicest Fall-made creamery, 25½ to 26c, and seconds 24½ to 25c. Eggs—Selected stock, 29 to 30c; No. 1 stock, 25 to 26c, and No. 2 at 19 to 20c.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

Montreal, Dec. 20.—Steers sold at from \$4.50 for ordinary stock to \$6 for choice; cows, \$3.50 to \$4.50; bulls, \$2.25 to \$4.50. Sheep were firm at \$4.25 and lambs at \$6 to \$6.10. Hogs—\$7.40 and sows at \$6.45. Calves brought all the way from \$2 to \$12.

Toronto, Dec. 20.—Good butcher cattle met with a strong demand and several loads sold as high as \$6.00 per cwt. Good medium cows brought in the neighborhood of \$8.25 and heavy bulls about \$4.85. Sheep were steady, but lambs were a little off color. Hogs are unchanged.

A HOLIDAY BOON.

Knicker—So Jones has invented a Christmas tie.
Booker—Yes; one side is for the wife's taste and the other for the man's.

LOTS OF WHEAT IN EUROPE.

**Will About Equal Unprecedented
Yield of 1909.**

A despatch from Washington says: Foreign crop conditions, as reported to the U. S. Department of Agriculture, were announced by the department on Thursday. In most of the principal cereal-producing nations agriculture during the past month has made seasonable progress, the most noteworthy exceptions being in some countries of western and central Europe, where the completion of Autumn seeding has been retarded and expected increases in areas sown are not likely to be realized. Early official estimates of the 1910 wheat crop of Europe will now need revision. The final official estimate of the importations, and puts the 1910 yield of the empire at 773,000,000 bushels, or only 10,000,000 bushels less than the high record output of 1909. In view of these figures it is obvious that the total European wheat crop almost, if not quite, equals the unprecedented abundance of the previous season.

A RUNAWAY ELEVATOR.

**Twelve Girls Narrowly Escape
Death at Montreal.**

A despatch from Montreal says: Twelve girls, employees of the T. Eaton factory in the Jacobs building on St. Catherine street, had a runaway experience in an elevator on Wednesday afternoon, which came near proving a fatal affair. The dozen girls were the last to leave the factory, which is on the fifth floor. As soon as the elevator man released the mechanism the controller and brake failed to work, and the car shot down at a terrific speed. The girls became crazed with fear, and made a rush for the doorway, which had no grating. The elevator man, however, kept cool and braced himself in the doorway, so that none of the girls could jump to certain death. Within a second or two it was all over, the car struck the big safety cushion springs at the bottom of the shaft, bounced up and down a couple of times, and then the girls all left unhurt, save one, who suffered so much from fright that she had to be taken to the hospital. The elevator man's coolness undoubtedly saved several lives.

NEW WIRELESS STATION.

Guarding the Coast of the North Atlantic.

A despatch from Halifax says: In addition to serving the people of the Magdalenes in case of a cable break, the new Magdalene Island wireless station will be an outpost from which early information as to ice conditions can be obtained and the probable time of the resuming of navigation to and from the North Atlantic coast ports foretold, as also possible dangers to the transatlantic service in the early summer months from huge masses of ice. Three operators are to be in charge during the winter months and two in the summer. The keeping open during the whole of the coming season of Point Amour and Belle Isle stations will also be of benefit in keeping tab on the ice conditions.

TALKED OVER 1,200 MILES.

**Wireless Station at Port Arthur is
Now Working.**

A despatch from Port Arthur says: The wireless telegraph station here is now in full working order. It was opened on Saturday afternoon, Mayor Matthews sending greetings to the Mayor of Duluth. The local operator has already conversed over a distance of 1,200 miles with stations on the Atlantic coast.

INLAND REVENUE RISES.

**An Increase During Past Month of
\$200,000.**

A despatch from Ottawa says: The total revenue of the Inland Revenue Department for the month of November was \$1,651,022, as compared with \$1,449,309 in November, 1909. The revenue from excise duties was \$1,625,207, of which \$625,906 was paid on tobacco, \$810,339 on spirits, \$128,226 on malt and \$42,453 on cigars.

THE LOCKOUT ENDED.

British Boilermakers Vote to Accept Terms.

A despatch from London says: The boilermakers' lockout, affecting 50,000 men in the yards of the Shipbuilding Employers' Federation, ended on Wednesday with the acceptance by the men of the terms made by the employers. The lockout was instituted on Sept. 2, following a strike of the riveters employed at the Walker shipyards at Newcastle-on-Tyne. The Federation asserted that the strike was a violation of the agreement made between the Federation and nineteen workmen's societies last spring for the prevention of strikes and lockouts, and declared a lockout to remain in force until the boilermakers' society was prepared to guarantee the fulfillment of the agreement.

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LOCAL OPTION BEATEN.

**The Vote in Saskatchewan Went
Against It.**

A despatch from Regina, Sask., says: While the figures have still to come in from a few rural districts, returns from Monday's local option election now tabulated show that the local option forces were generally defeated throughout the Province. Altogether 159 licenses were involved by the by-laws voted on, and of these only twenty-seven, or less than one-fifth, have been cut off.

A despatch from Winnipeg says: Two more local option by-laws were quashed on Wednesday in the Police Court, when decisions were given in the cases of the town of Carman and the rural municipality of Portage la Prairie. Both were on technicalities. New by-laws must be drafted and submitted to the electors.

DECREASE IN COAL OUTPUT

**Strikes Blamed for Falling Off in
Canada Last Year.**

A despatch from Ottawa says: There was a decrease of 234,836 tons in the production of coal in Canada last year as compared with the previous year, according to the annual report on Canadian mineral production. This is the first year in fourteen in which a decrease has to be recorded, and the coal miners' strike at Sydney and Springhill, N.S., is blamed. The total production was 10,501,475 tons, valued at \$24,781,236, as compared with a production of 10,866,311 tons, valued at \$25,194,573, in 1908. Even at that, however, the output was more than twice that of ten years ago, and four times that of twenty years ago.

HAMS FOR THE KING.

**Shipped from Smithfield in Virginia—
Specially Cured.**

A despatch from Washington says: King George will have Smithfield ham, cured as only the Nanamond county, Virginia, hog raiser knows how to cure them, on the table at his Christmas dinner. A box containing fifty genuine Virginia Smithfield hams has been shipped to the Countess of Stafford at Chandos House, but intended for King George. This is the first shipment of hams to royalty in England since the death of King Edward. The hams were cured and shipped by E. L. Barrow. It is said the new King of England got his first taste of the real Smithfield ham from the table of his grandmother, the late Queen Victoria. Every year she had fifty or more hams shipped direct from Smithfield. The hams shipped King George were from corn-fed hogs especially cured and prepared for him.

BABE KILLED, MOTHER HURT.

**Fatal Mishap of Ottawa Woman on
Stairs in Her Home.**

A despatch from Ottawa says: While Mrs. F. A. Baue, of 68 Second Avenue, was bringing her seven-months-old baby downstairs on Wednesday evening, she fell at the top landing. In the tumble her babe was instantly killed and the mother suffered a broken arm.

CANADA'S HARVEST OF 1910

**Dr. Saunders Says the Class of Immi-
gration Does Not Benefit Agriculture**

A despatch from Ottawa says: The preliminary estimate of the total wheat output of Canada for the year 1910, as communicated to the Parliamentary Agricultural Commission by Dr. Saunders, Superintendent of the Dominion Experimental Farms, is 122,785,000 bushels, a falling off from actual figures of last year.

Hon. Sydney Fisher, however, expressed expectancy that the actual figures when procured would make a better showing. The shrinkage occurred through the drought in the western Province, Ontario and the east, showing an increase. The combined yield of wheat, oats and barley is estimated at 445,420,000 bushels. While the grain output has fallen off, that of hay and other fodder has increased.

CONDENSED NEWS ITEMS

**HAPPENINGS FROM ALL OVER
THE GLOBE.**

**Telegraphic Briefs From Our Own
and Other Countries of
Recent Events.**

CANADA.

Canada will send a military contingent of 700 men to the Coronation.

Every public school in Canada will receive a book on physical culture.

The Ontario Government will continue in the policy of helping to bring out domestics to Canada.

Reports from Bellevue mine, in Alberta, place the number of dead at thirty or thirty-two.

Local option carried in eleven municipalities in Saskatchewan and was defeated in twenty-one.

A Calgary jeweller was robbed of eight hundred dollars' worth of precious stones.

Edward Kellar was run down and fatally injured by a radial car near Hamilton.

Prof. Haultain says that the value of Canada's mineral output would exceed that of agriculture.

Saskatchewan temperance men claim they were robbed of several municipalities in the recent local option vote by fraud and perjury.

A bold thief broke a window in a St. Catharines jewellery store and carried off \$300 worth of goods.

Three men were asphyxiated by coal gas in a shanty at Luseland, Sask., and a fourth had a very narrow escape from death.

A sad story comes from Winnipeg of 30 men being sent on a 65-mile tramp for work, and finding they were not wanted when they arrived at the place indicated.

Rosella Cariffelle of Gattineau Point, on Friday, broke through the ice of the Gattineau River and swam a distance of 100 yards to the other side, where she was able to crawl out.

GREAT BRITAIN.

The accouchement of Queen Mary is expected in March.

Mr. Balfour's referendum proposal has created a serious split in the Unionist forces.

It is stated that Federal home rule will be one of the subjects for discussion at the Imperial Conference next year.

UNITED STATES.

It is proposed to make old Fort Mackinac a garrison for United States troops.

A blinding blizzard along the Massachusetts coast, on Friday, resulted in many shipping casualties and, it is feared, loss of life.

Major-General Wood drew attention to the unpreparedness of the United States to resist invasion by foreign troops.

GENERAL.

Serious floods are reported from northern Italy.

It is reported that the Federal troops have indicated a heavy defeat on the insurgent forces in the Chi-huahua district of Mexico.

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The Farmers Advocate, weekly 1.75
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Trade returns for the past eight months show an increase in both exports and imports amounting to \$72,496,589, or nearly 17 per cent.

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Rawdon Council

Rawdon Town Hall, Dec. 15, 1910. Council met pursuant to adjournment. Members all present. Minutes of last meeting read and adopted.

Moved by Mr. Montgomery, seconded by Mr. Hawkins, that the Treasurer's Pay Sheet, covering School Money, School Debentures and County Rates, be passed, and ordered to be paid by the Treasurer. Carried.

Mr. Jas. Johnston reported on the following jobs, and recommended the payments as follows:

Chas. Jeffrey job on Town Line, 40 yds. gravel, one-half of this to be paid by Huntingdon.....\$18.00

John Spry, job on 14th con. between lots 6 and 7.....25.00

Thos. Russell, town line between Rawdon and Seymour.....15.00

John Morrison, 13th con.....35.00

He also examined ditch by Andrew Thompson's property, and recommended that no action be taken by the township.

Council adjourned for a meeting of the Board of Health.

Council resumed.

Mr. Jas. Scott addressed the Council in regard to losing a case in enforcing the Liquor Law with Messrs. Atkins & Hale, claiming there had been money deposited in the township for that purpose.

Moved by Mr. Cooke, seconded by Mr. Jeffs, that the account be paid. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Cooke, seconded by Mr. Vanee, that the rules be suspended for the purpose of introducing a By-law to appoint Deputy Returning Officers, polling places and a place for holding nomination. Carried.

Mr. Hawkins introduced the By-law. Moved by Mr. Cooke, seconded by Mr. Montgomery that the Council go into committee of the whole on the By-law. Mr. Hawkins in the chair. Carried.

By-law was then read clause by clause.

Moved by Mr. Montgomery, seconded by Mr. Jeffs, that Council resume. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Cooke, seconded by Mr. Hawkins, that the By-law have its third reading and be signed, sealed and numbered 383. Carried.

The following names were inserted in By-law as Deputy Returning Officers:

No. 1 Polling sub-division, Thos. Montgomery.

No. 2 Polling sub-division, Jas. Lim, jr.

No. 3 Polling sub-division, Elgin Jackman.

No. 4 Polling sub-division, J. O. Hagerman.

No. 5 Polling sub-division, Geo. Shortts, jr.

No. 6 Polling sub-division, Wm. Stilled.

Nomination to be at Rawdon Town Hall on Monday, Dec. 26, at 12 o'clock noon. Polling to take place on Monday, Jan. 2, 1911, in case there are more nominations than are required.

Correspondence read and filed.

Moved by Mr. Jeffs, seconded by Mr. Hawkins, that the following accounts be paid. Carried.

John Raker, 35 yds. gravel.....\$ 1.75

G. Rutherford, 35 yds. gravel.....1.75

John Morton, 40 yds. gravel.....2.50

S. S. McComb, 118 yds. gravel.....7.15

W. Hagerman, 158 yds. gravel.....7.90

Walter Spry, building and repairing bridge, road div. 63.....11.00

John Spry, job, lot 7 con. 14.....25.00

Frank Jeffs, taking stone from culvert, con. 1.....1.00

W. T. Sine, error in roll of 1897 for S. S. No.....5.45

W. T. Sine, Agricultural Soc. 20.00

Chas. McGuire, taking John McDonald to House of Refuge John Booth, job on Town line and 70 yds. gravel.....53.50

P. Meiklejohn, 93 yds. gravel.....4.65

McGee & Lagrow, eave trough and pipes.....11.15

Thos. Russell, job on Town line and 30 yds. gravel.....16.50

C. W. Thompson, refund to that portion of Rawdon in Stirling Union school.....43.45

Dr. Totton, salary and fees as M. H. O.....64.50

Mrs. Harvey Reid, refund of Statute Law.....2.00

J. Morrison, job, 18th con.....35.00

Jas. Scott, costs in case with Hale and Atkins.....24.25

S. Armstrong, salary and lamp C. Jeffrey, job on Town Line.....18.00

Chas. Johnston, salary.....25.00

Geo. Bohaw, com. Statute of Labor.....4.00

A. L. Saylor, tile.....3.60

H. W. Sabine, Printing.....20.00

H. W. Haigh, lumber.....4.00

Pearce Co., bridge timber.....11.27

Dr. Tweedie, bal. for gravel.....4.25

J. H. Cooke, salary.....45.00

Thos. Montgomery, salary.....30.00

E. W. Hawkins, salary.....50.00

Fred Jeffs, salary.....30.00

Robert Vance, salary.....50.00

W. F. Bateman, salary.....50.00

Jas. Leary, repairing lamp.....205.00

Geo. Sharp, salary.....100.00

J. R. Cooke, Fin. Statements 1910.....6.00

Council adjourned.

W. F. BATEMAN, Clerk.

The Bridge

We are very sorry to learn that Mrs. J. Keegan is on the sick list.

Mrs. Jos. Reid has returned home from the West.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny McGee were the guests of Mr. Thomas Montgomery on Sunday last.

Mr. Wm. Hill and Mr. Earl Veroman attended the December meeting held in the Orange Hall at Beulah.

Mr. George McCurdy and Miss Annie Veroman were in Stirling on Saturday evening last.

Miss Letha Good, our school teacher held her public school exam on Friday last with a good attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Lavigne paid a visit to their parents on Saturday last.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Irvin of Lovett, were the guests of her sister, Mrs. Geo. McGowan, on Sunday last.

Mr. James Keegan made a big improvement on his farm by leveling the gravel pit.

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PAINTED THE BUST.

Carotaker Renewed Statuette of Laura

Second and Caused Sensation.

Drummond Hill Cemetery—or, as it is known to tourists, the battleground of Lundy's Lane—has undergone a remarkable and pleasing change since it passed under the protectorate of the Queen Victoria Niagara Falls Park Commission.

The rank growth of wild shrubs, weeds, and tall grass has been cut away, bare spots sodded, walks of finely crushed stone laid, and an ornamental wire fence encloses this at one time most utterly neglected and repulsive of all God's acres in the province.

Many neglected graves have been made to look as though they received decent remembrance—graves of martyred patriots, soldiers, and statesmen have been marked, and even the far-down corners pointed out as "Potter's Field," where the unknown dead, gathered from the river, lie in unmarked graves, have been made less forlorn looking, and more like a place where they bury human beings.

Tottering monuments, moss-grown and leaning with fearful slant over the mounds and sunken graves, have been straightened up, cleaned, and both mound and depression made one common level.

All this work has been done under the supervision of the district sexton of Drummond Hill, and he takes an excusable pride in the work. He bestowed especial pains upon one historic spot—sacred to him as it is to all of us—the grave of Laura Secord, and in his zeal precipitated the one grim tragedy of the work, "restoration," that will haunt him to his dying day.

The sexton did not like the looks of the dull bronze, with its gun-metal finish. He did not sufficiently admire, perhaps, "sculptured marble and enduring bronze," to appreciate its classic significance, nor then, but he does now. However, he decided to make a change in the complexion of not only the face, but the whole bust of the classic memorial that marks the resting place of the heroine of Beavertails—to improve, in short, on the art of Miss Mildred Peel, the sculptress! So, one day he came along the way, and he did it—diligently innocent sexton got a brush and some nice lamp black and aluminum paint. He treated the flowing drapery of the figure to a sombre tone of black, and illuminated the features with the aluminum. The effect was startling!

When the last stroke of this now, almost lost art, had been drawn over the surprised-looking features of the heroine the sexton stepped back and admired his handiwork. It satisfied him thoroughly. He called several friends to see the transformation. Most of them came to admire and remained to swear. The sexton was not prepared for criticism, and he expostulated with the dissenters from his school of art. In vain he pointed out the advantages over wear and tear he had applied with his brush; the storm of disapproval grew in violence.

Passersby on the street below the rise of ground on which the memorial stands would stop and look in wonderment at the unusual change that had come over the figure on the hillside. Then they climbed the fence for closer inspection, and joined the crowd that was growing bigger—and it was not a very solemn crowd at that.

When the shades of night fell there was a falling off in the attendance. Later on the moon shed its pale light on the scene, and this only heightened the ghostly effect and increased the prejudice against the sexton's artistic temperament.

Seeing that the change was so decidedly objectionable, and by this time disgusted with the lack of appreciation of his artistic efforts, the sexton on the next day, with much labor, took the bust down from its pedestal, and removed it to a quiet corner of the graveyard, where, he succeeded after infinite trouble, in restoring the objectionable tints and restoring the memorial to its classic beauty.

A Chip of the Old Block.

Men who, after starting life without a cent, have accumulated a fortune, delight in lecturing the rising generation on the way it was done. Their advice may not be an accurate description of their own work.

It is always high edifying to hear a well-known Toronto man who has made a success both financially and as a philanthropist, was tendered a dinner by his employees.

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Pure Bred Dairy Cattle

Report No. 2 of the Canadian Record of Performance for Pure Bred Dairy Cattle has been issued by the Live Stock Branch of the Department of Agriculture, Ottawa.

This report by way of introduction, discusses the value of the yearly tests to farmers who have adopted them, and gives further the rules and regulations under which the official tests of dairy cows have been conducted.

For the information of those interested in the various breeds, the standards of registration, which include the conditions under which cows may qualify, are stated. Then follows the records of the animals that have been accepted for official registration up to March 31st, 1910.

At the end of the report is given a resume in concise form of the cows registered in the Canadian Record of Performance, together with the quantities of milk and fat yielded during the year of their official test.

This report should be of great service to progressive dairy farmers who are desirous of securing reliable information as to where sires from regular breeding and high producing ancestors may be secured.

A large issue of the report has been printed and will be sent to those who apply for it to the Live Stock Commissioner, Ottawa.

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Village Nominations

The public meeting for the nomination of candidates for the office of Reeve and Councillors for the ensuing year was held in the Town Hall on Monday last. At twelve o'clock when the meeting opened there were not many ratepayers present, but before the close there was a large attendance.

At one o'clock, when the time for nominations closed, the following persons had been nominated for the respective offices:

For Reeve—W. R. Mather, G. G. Thrasher and R. P. Coulter.

For Councillors—G. G. Thrasher, John L. Ashley, R. P. Coulter, L. Meiklejohn, J. S. Morton, J. W. Haight, S. Wright, A. D. McIntosh, Dr. J. McC. Potts, J. T. Belshaw.

For School Trustees—F. T. Ward, C. W. Thompson, Dr. H. H. Alger, James Boldrick, Thos. H. Matthews.

On motion Mr. W. S. Martin was appointed chairman, and the various candidates were called upon to address the meeting.

Mr. Mather was the first speaker, and he gave quite a lengthy address, dealing first with County Council matters, and explaining how that the County rates had increased, and showing that there was quite likely to be a further increase, as the county had 600 miles of county roads to maintain, and the old wooden bridges, which were 250 in number, were becoming unsafe, and must be replaced with steel or concrete structures. The damage claims on account of unsafe bridges had been about \$6,000 for each of the past two years. This would go a long way towards paying interest on a sum sufficient to put all the bridges in a safe condition. Hastings county has the reputation of having the best system of county roads in the Province. The county council now propose to issue debentures for 40 years to replace the old wooden bridges by steel or concrete. Posterity would bear its share of the burden. He referred to the Frankford bridge and showed how assistance had been got from the Dominion and Ontario Governments in building this expensive structure. Another reason for the increase of the county rates was the building of the House of Refuge. With reference to village affairs he compared this with other villages and said ours was the prettiest and best lighted village between here and Toronto. Our street lighting was excellent, every part of the village being served, and leaving the street lights out it was now more than paying its way. He next referred to the Agricultural School, and said it took energy, influence and push to get it here, and every citizen should be proud of it. The teaching of scientific agriculture is something that will be beneficial to the whole county. Hastings could support in influence ten times its present population. We have only touched the margin of our agricultural possibilities.

G. G. Thrasher was the next speaker, and spoke briefly. He said that if Mr. Mather would accept the position of Reeve he would drop out of the contest for that position. In reference to the Council he was a candidate for councillor and would remain in the fight.

Mr. R. P. Coulter was the next speaker, and dwelt at considerable length on village affairs, referring particularly to the installing of the electric light plant and the securing of first-class fire protection. He resigned as a candidate for the reeve ship.

Mr. Meiklejohn spoke of the prosperity of the village year after year. The Council had promised improvements which had paid.

Mr. J. W. Haight stated that he was in the field for re-election.

Mr. S. Wright was also a candidate for re-election.

Mr. A. D. McIntosh was not conversant with the affairs of the village. He spoke of the agricultural school and the indifference of the farmers to its benefits. They needed more in the way of scientific agriculture.

Dr. J. McC. Potts was not a candidate. He was opposed to the proposed expenditure for improvements to the High School, and thought the matter should have been submitted to the people. He wanted the people to have a vote on this question.

Mr. T. J. Belshaw advised the young men to take advantage of the Agricultural school. Concerning the expenditure for the High School, the Board had met night after night to consider the matter, and had considered it well. He was not a candidate.

Messrs. F. T. Ward, C. W. Thompson and Dr. H. H. Alger, the returning trustees, and who were re-nominated were not present.

Mr. Jas. Boldrick and Mr. T. H. Matthews the other nominees for Trustees, spoke briefly but retired, leaving Messrs. Ward and Thompson, and Dr. Alger, elected by acclamation.

Messrs. Thrasher and Coulter having resigned as candidates for Reeve, the Clerk declared Mr. Mather elected Reeve by acclamation.

This announcement was received with cheering and Mr. Mather spoke briefly thanking the electors for the honor they had conferred upon him.

The candidates for councillors include all the old members, namely:—R. P. Coulter, L. Meiklejohn, J. W. Haight and S. Wright, and one new candidate, Mr. G. G. Thrasher. Polling will take place next Monday.

Nominations Elsewhere

In Rawdon Township, all the old council were re-elected by acclamation, namely, Robt. Cook, Reeve; Thomas Montgomery, deputy reeve; E. W. Hawkins, Mr. Jeffs and Mr. Vance, Councillors.

In Sidney township the old council was returned by acclamation, viz.: Chas. Ketcheson, reeve; Alex. S. White deputy reeve; Chas. Vanderwater, J. W. Hess and Geo. A. Rose Councillors.

In Thurlow the old Council was re-elected by acclamation.

Obituary

The hearts of many in the community have been saddened by the untimely death of Mrs. Wm. Martin, which occurred in the home of her father, Mr. Thos. Cook of Harold, on Tuesday, the 18th inst.

Mrs. Martin, was the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Cook and was widely known and not only very highly respected but beloved by all who knew her best. The large number who attended her funeral, on Thursday, the 15th inst., notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather testified to this.

Mrs. Martin leaves to mourn her loss a husband, to whom she was married but a year ago, an aged father and mother, for whom much sympathy is felt, and five brothers. The funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Mr. Dickinson, Rector of Rawdon Parish, in St. John's Church, Stirling, and the remains interred in Stirling Cemetery.

Spring Brook

Christmas passed off very quietly—very different from the Christmases of forty years ago.

John Anderson's shooting match did not realize. It is alleged that John got his goose too cheap and he is now doing time for it.

A big Christmas Tree entertainment was held in the I. O. F. Hall here on Thursday evening under the auspices of the Sunday School. Mr. T. J. Thompson took the chair at eight o'clock, and then, to borrow a phrase from Mark Twain, "the agony began." The entertainment consisted of drills, dialogues, speeches and music, which the crowded audience enjoyed for nearly three hours. It was pronounced by all present that it was the best affair of the kind ever held in Spring Brook. To the practical mind the best part of it was the financial success—over \$56 being the amount realized.

Minto

The Minto Literary Society has again been re-organized and intend to hold an open meeting on Jan. 8rd. A good programme is being prepared. Everyone come and enjoy a pleasant evening.

The Xmas Tree entertainment under the auspices of the Salem S. S. on Friday evening was a decided success. Proceeds amounted to \$49.

Miss E. Macklin left for her home in Port Hope on Saturday last to spend the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. K. Kemp spent Xmas at Napawan.

Mr. and Mrs. Leavitt Heagle spent Xmas at Hoard's Station.

Mrs. E. L. Fair and daughter of Stirling are spending the holidays under the parental roof.

Mrs. Ryle and daughter of Norham are visiting at Mr. Wm. Hagerman's.

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Burn This Letter.

One unique suggestion coming to the patent office recently is for a self-burning letter. Though the commissioners tried to keep the process secret, the story soon leaked out, and the suggestion was offered as a defence to the ardent swain who pours forth his soul in endearing and eloquent correspondence which later in the hands of some unsympathetic lawyer increases the damages in a breach or promise suit or in the divorce court helps to swell the alimony and excite popular derision.

Love letters have always played a conspicuous part in the affairs of nations and a still more momentous role in the history of hearts, but they generally possess peculiar features that make them "impossible" in cold type. Of course much depends upon the eyes that read them, but no matter how romantic the reader, if the eloquence is not intended particularly for him or her, the sentiments appear "stilted," "silly" or "disgustingly sentimental;" hence the advantage of the self-burning letter. So far as has been learned, however, the "novel contrivance" is but a sheet to which certain brand of very flat match is attached for a suggestion.

Miss Braddon's First Effort.

When Miss Braddon, who lately celebrated her seventy-third birthday, was asked some time ago as to her first appearance in print, she replied, "To the best of my recollection, the first thing of mine that ever appeared in print was a song, in the seventeenth-century style, that was published in The Beverley Recorder in May, 1857." This first printed effort of the prolific and popular authoress, which was entitled "Rest," and signed "Mary Seyton," consisted of four verses, and opened thus:—

All joys on earth have we,
All fears on earth we see,
All cares on earth there be,
But never rest.

The Simplon Pass.

The Simplon Pass was a famous highway of travel, before Napoleon constructed the highroad, Milton came home that way from his grand tour, and so did John Evelyn. The latter traveler went in fear of his life, not only expecting avalanches to fall on him, but being apprehensive lest bears and wolves should issue from the caves in the precipices and assail him. The only actual harm which happened, however, was that his companion's dog killed a goat belonging to one of the peasants and that heavy compensation had to be paid—a pistol," says the diary, "for the goat and ten more for attempting to ride away."

In Two Divisions.

Men are often divided into educated and ignorant, the rich and the poor, the famous and the unknown, but a division more marked than any other might be made between the strong and the weak. We meet them both in every walk of life. Their birth or education or general surroundings may be the same, but a sharp line divides those who govern their inclinations from those whose inclinations govern them. On the one side we see strength, accomplishment and value, on the other weakness, spasmodic and ill directed effort and inefficiency.

Not Sure About It.

"You'll be the happiest man on earth, I suppose, when your time's up," suggested the kindly old gentleman.

"Oh, I don't know," answered the convict. "I'm in here for life."

A Spare Diet.

The person who lives on hope is seldom troubled with obesity.

The output of the Scotch distilleries has decreased by over two million gallons during the past year.

Two new fast steamers for Canadian trade have been ordered by the Allan Line.

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Mutton Chops in Cases.—Take all the fat from some chops, trim the bones, pepper and salt well, and wrap each in buttered paper. Fry till the chops are browned. Serve in the papers under a covering of chip potatoes.

Celery salad is liked by many who cannot eat the raw root. Boil the celery till tender, and drain when perfectly cold. Cover with a dressing made of oil and vinegar, pepper and salt, and garnish the dish with little heaps of chopped beet-root.

Lemon cheese will be found useful at this season when fruit is scarce. Put into a saucepan half a pound of caster sugar, two eggs, three ounces of butter, and the juice and rind of a lemon. Stir over the fire till almost boiling and the mixture looks like honey. This will keep, and can be used as required for cheesecakes.

Cheap Pork Pie.—Take one pound and a half of pork trimmings and cut them into small pieces. Put a layer in the bottom of a pie-dish, sprinkle with powdered allspice, pepper and salt, then put a layer of chopped apple. Continue thus till the dish is full, then cover with paste, and bake for two hours. A little highly-seasoned stock should be added before the crust is put on.

Lobster Pudding.—Drain away the liquor from a tin of lobster, break up the meat with a fork and add two ounces of breadcrumbs, one ounce of butter, one egg, one teaspoonful of anchovy sauce, cayenne, and salt to taste. Mix well, and put into a buttered basin, tie down and steam for an hour. Turn out, and serve with white sauce poured over, the top lightly decorated with chopped parsley.

Potato Mould.—Required: Two pounds of boiled potatoes, two ounces of butter, one egg, milk, pepper and salt. Mash the potatoes while hot, adding the butter and as much warm milk as is required to make it moist and light. Butter a mould, fill with the mixture, and stand in the oven for a few minutes. Turn out on to a buttered sheet, brush it over with beaten egg, and brown in the oven.

Pork Sausages.—Take some raw pork, two parts lean to one of fat, and pass it twice through a mincing-machine. To four pounds of meat add a saltspoonful of powdered allspice, two teaspoonfuls of black pepper, three of salt, and two of powdered sage. Mix thoroughly. Clean some skins, rub with lemon-juice, then soak them in vinegar and water. Take out a skin, dry it, fill it with meat, and tie in three-inch lengths.

Vegetable Pie.—Required: Two ounces of butter, two sliced onions, one head of celery, equal quantities of boiled haricot beans, carrots, and turnips, also pepper, salt, parsley, and some light pastry. Dissolve the butter in a saucepan, add the vegetables, cover, and let them cook until tender; season to taste, and add a teaspoonful of finely-chopped parsley. Place all in a pie-dish, let cool, cover with light pastry and bake. Serve with a thick, rich brown gravy.

Preston Cake.—Mix together six ounces of flour and two ounces of ground rice, rub into it, with the finger-tips, a quarter of a pound of butter (or lard and butter), then add four ounces of caster sugar, three ounces of sultanas, and moisten with two eggs beaten up with half a teaspoonful of milk. Beat well, and at last add a teaspoonful of baking powder. Put the mixture into a greased tin, and bake in a moderate oven for about an hour.

Cornish Pasties.—Chop a quarter of a pound of meat (cooked or raw) and one potato into very small dice; add a slice of onion finely minced, with pepper and salt to taste, moistening all with a tablespoonful of water. Make the pastry with half a pound of flour, three ounces of clarified dripping, half a teaspoonful of baking powder, and water to mix. Roll out the paste, cut in rounds, place a dessertspoonful of minced meat on each, wet the edges and pinch firmly together, so that the join comes on the top, and bake in a hot oven for half an hour.

Orange Cheesecake.—Required: Light pastry, two eggs, two ounces of sugar, one ounce of sponge-cake crumbs, one ounce of ratafia crumbs, and the strained juice of two oranges. Line an open tart tin with light pastry, and to raise the edge put a second layer of paste on the edge, which should be moistened with water. Put the yolks of eggs into a basin and the whites on to a plate. Beat the yolks well with the sugar, crumbs, and the orange-juice; lastly, add the whites, beaten to a stiff froth. Pour this mixture into the tart, and bake for half an hour in a moderate oven.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS.

Woollen goods wrapped in newspaper are not attacked by moth. Black stockings should be rinsed in blue water to make them a good color.

Keep tin vessels from rust by placing them over the kitchen range to dry after washing.

Table linen should be ironed with heavy irons and until perfectly dry if it is required to look well.

Rats have a great dislike to chloride of lime; put it near their holes and it drives them away.

Bottled fruits should be kept in the dark. A dry, dark cupboard is a suitable place in which to store them.

Mirrors should never be hung in the sunshine or in a strong light or they will speedily become spotted.

White silk will turn yellow if washed in too hot water. It must also be well rinsed, or the silk will feel hard.

Carpets should be turned twice a year where there is a large household. In this way the wear is kept even.

Never allow bits of bread or vegetable to remain in soup overnight. Strain it or it will probably become sour.

Babies' clothes should never be washed with soda or washing-powder. Their delicate skins would be irritated thereby.

Hot dripping must never be poured into a vessel containing cold dripping, or it will turn musty in a very short time.

When boiling an old fowl or tough meat add a pinch of soda to the water. Simmer gently, and the meat will be perfectly tender.

The meat safe should be hung in a cool, airy place. It must have hooks so that meat can hang; it quickly taints if laid on a dish.

White paint which is enamelled or varnished, requires careful treatment, and should be washed with fine oatmeal, not soap.

Salt meats such as ham, tongue, beef and so on, which are to be boiled, should be put in cold water and allowed to heat slowly.

Fried bread should be served with a thick soup. Cut the crumbs of bread in small dice, fry crisp in butter, drain on paper, and serve.

Tinned provisions should be carefully handled. A bruise may admit air, and thus danger will be immediately introduced into the contents.

Fringed towels should be carefully oversewn before used. Unless this is done the towel becomes more and more frayed, and is soon shabby.

Wooden tubs which are not in daily use, should have a little cold water left in them. If allowed to dry they will crack and fall to pieces.

Fat from stock should be carefully skimmed off as it rises to the surface, but should not be thrown away. Clarify it carefully and use it for basting.

Flat-irons sometimes become rough. To make them smooth and easy to use, scatter dry salt on brown paper and rub the iron vigorously on that.

To clean a watch chain dissolve a little sal ammoniac in wine, and put the soiled gold into it. This thoroughly cleanses the gold and makes it quite bright.

When preparing cake tins use clarified dripping or lard in preference to butter, which is likely to make the cake stick to the tin, owing to the salt and water it contains.

To Clean Enamelled Baths.—Make a paste of powdered whiting and water, and with this rub the inside of the bath. Then wash thoroughly with clean water and dry at once.

To Clean Patent Leather Boots.—First remove all the dirt upon them with a sponge or flannel, then rub over the boots or shoes a paste consisting of two spoonfuls of cream and one of linseed oil, both of which require warming before being mixed.

Heliotrope Sachet Powder.—Mix together half a pound of orris root, a quarter of a pound of rose leaves, two ounces of powdered Tonquin beans, half a grain of musk, and two drops of essence of almonds. Pass twice through a sieve and put into bags for use.

To clean a copper kettle which has been blackened by the fire, first wash well with soap and soda water, then make a paste of knife powder and paraffin, and scour well. Two or three cleanings may be necessary to restore it to its original brilliancy.

Soap jelly for washing flannels and fine woollen goods is easily made. Shred a piece of yellow soap into a saucepan of warm water and let it simmer by the side of the fire till dissolved. Add sufficient of this to warm water to make a nice lather. If too strong the flannels will be hard.

GRANDMA'S NEW YEAR CALLER

In her youth great preparations were always made for the first day of the year, especially as to one's attire, for New Year's greetings began early in the morning and lasted until midnight, if one had an extensive acquaintance, as had grandma.

So the woman who had long since left her youth behind her, and who, like most elderly people, lived much in the past, did not take kindly to the change which the shifting years had brought, and usually said to her friends, as each year drew to a close:

"Remember, my latch-string is always clear out on the first day of the year, if on no other; for I am an old-fashioned woman and always keep open house."

Because of that, and because, too, of the warm place this sweet-faced grandma held in the hearts of old and young alike, she was always given the opportunity to greet a portion of her friends, at least, with "I wish you a Happy New Year!" which she did with old-time grace, in spite of advancing years.

The story-teller rarely let slip the privilege accorded grandma's friends. Being absent from the city, however, one New Year's Day, she called at the earliest opportunity to extend greetings, and was met by:

"It isn't too late to wish you a happy New Year, dear, but I missed you."

"Oh, well," was the laughing rejoinder of the one who received the warm hand-clasp, "I fear you have had callers enough to weary you, as it was, for you are looking a little wan, and now you must tell me who they were."

"She had one too many, and that is what ails her," remarked grandma's caretaker, in a low tone, "but she will tell you about him, for she talks of little else."

"Well, I had callers same's usual," remarked grandma in an absent-minded way, "that is, for these days, but I'll have to think 'em up, I guess, for my first caller put every one else out of my mind."

"Why, he must have been one of your admirers in the beautiful long ago, about which you talk so much," was the laughing retort.

"That it was no laughing matter to grandma, however, was evident, for she met the foregoing with a shake of the head, and, in a very serious tone, said:

"No, no, dear, he was unlike any other caller I ever had before, and I never can forget him, never!"

It was plain to be seen that grandma, for once, was not in a mood to live over the days of Auld Lang Syne, and, too, that she was eager to talk of what was uppermost in her mind; so her questioner settled back for the recital.

"Well, it was like this, dear," said the old lady, as she leaned forward in her customary story-telling attitude. "I couldn't sleep the last hours of the closing year, for I got to thinking over how the Lord had led me, and of all His goodness, until my heart was that full of gratitude that if it hadn't been for waking folks up I'd broke right out singing."

"You know I keep my old room downstairs, while the rest sleep on the second floor. They've tried to make me think it isn't safe, but I like to be alone so I can talk out aloud without disturbing anybody."

"Well, when my clock told me that the New Year had come, I began to think how good my Lord was to spare my unprofitable life to see a New Year, and I sung right out, 'Praise the Lord!' And then I heard a noise like something had dropped, and I opened my eyes and saw some one at my bureau, but the light was so dim I thought at first some of the family was looking for something."

"Then I made out that it was a man, and that he had his cap so drawn down over his face that I couldn't have made out who it was even if I had known him."

"Why, grandma!" was the startled exclamation; "you must have been nearly paralyzed with fear!"

"Ah, but you forget, dear, that I had just been so full of praise that there was no room left for fear of burglars, even. But I had my wits about me, though, I tell you. Sometimes I think it was almost a miracle, too, how much sharper they were than common."

"Anyhow, it all came over me like a flash, how, when I cried out, that man had been startled and dropped something, and how he wasn't there for any good. Now, I was not a mite afraid of his hurting me, or of losing anything I had in my room; but I thought of the precious ones upstairs and I determined, God helping me, to get the burglar out of the house before he'd gone to the second floor."

"I always lie bolstered up in my bed on account of my cough, so I didn't change my position any, but reached out my hand and said: 'Come here, son, grandma wants to talk to you.' And would you believe it, he edged his way up to the

bed and let me take the hand hanging by his side, just as if he was a little boy and good at minding. He wasn't much of a boy either, it seemed to me. He came, anyhow, and I wouldn't let go his hand, but held it tightly as I said:

"When I was a girl I sometimes began to have New Year's callers pretty early, but you've beat the record, so you must excuse my not being ready to receive callers. But all the same, I wish you a happy New Year!"

"Why, grandma! to think of any one as love-shielded as you are, alone talking to a burglar like that! How could you?" cried the guest in a shocked tone.

"I don't know, dear; I am weak now whenever I think of the risk they all tell me I was running; but I had only one thing in my mind then, and that was the safety of my loved ones; so I forgot my own, and I firmly believe I was given courage and wisdom to act wisely by the One who never sleeps."

"Then next I said, just as if I had been talking to my grandson, when he had gone wrong:

"But it hurts me, son, to have to tell you that my wishes can't make it a happy one if you go on like you've started out."

"He hung his head when I said that, and acted so 'shamed like that I said:

"But, somehow, I don't feel as if you were an old hand at slying into people's rooms, stranger. I think you are some mother's boy who got stranded in this big city, and I'm sorry for you. Say, now, I know you don't want to look grandma in the face, or let her hear the sound of your voice, but when she asks you questions just shake your head, or nod, and she will believe you. And now, is she not right in thinking that midnight calls like this are something new to you?"

"Then my caller nodded his head, and at the same time I felt his hand tremble, which encouraged me to preach to him a little bit. I can't repeat all I said to him. I talked fast, I tell you and the right words just came to me then as they never will again, I'm thinking; but I know I pointed to the clock and told him how God had just given him a clean white page to write on, and I begged him to resolve that the first stain on it would be the last, and while I pleaded with him tears dropped from the eyes I couldn't see."

"Then I thought how perhaps hunger led to his wrong-doing, and so I put my hand under the mattress, after releasing it for the first time, and took out five dollars and offered it to him, saying:

"I feel that you are in a tight place, and this may help you to start right." But he shook his head and continued to do so until I told him that he might look upon it as a loan. At the same time I took my address from my pocket-book and gave it to him with the money, which was taken with evident reluctance. Then I sprang from the bed and grasping him by the hand again I said, with a nervous laugh:

"I always like to see my callers to the door, and I must see you off."

"He required no urging, but started to go to the rear of the house, where he entered, as we learned later, but I was so distressed for fear he wouldn't get out before he was heard, that I drew him to the side door near my room, and slipping the bolt let him out, saying: 'God bless you, my son; my prayers will follow you.'"

"Well, there isn't much more to tell, except that—"

"Except that grandma's nerve forsook her then," added her caretaker, "for after calling for help she collapsed entirely. At first we all thought she was suffering from the effects of a bad dream, but there was sufficient proof to the contrary, however; and I tell you she has been looked upon as a heroine ever since."

"You deserve to be, grandma!" cried the one who had listened to the story for the first time. "Not one in a thousand would have acted as wisely as you did under such trying circumstances."

"But I give all the credit to One who has never failed me in any emergency," said grandma, as she wiped away the fast falling tears. "And now you must know the sequel to my strange experience."

Saying that, the speaker drew from her pocket a letter and handed it to her caller—a well written letter, which was both undated and unsigned, and read as follows:

"Dear, Kind Grandma: If I had the courage to face you I would try to tell you how much I owe you for making me see my wicked course that night, but as it is I will only return the money loaned and thank you from a full heart. Yes, I was hungry, and desperate, too! and you know the rest. But I had a grandma once whose idol I was, and when you cried 'Praise the Lord!'—which was so like her—I dropped the silver vase I was about to pocket, and when I faced you I was as weak as a rag, your resemblance to my grandmother was so striking."

"Well, as the result of your kind advice, after breaking a long fast, I took the first train for home and mother. And here on the farm I am going to try and live the clean life you pictured. I told mother all about it, and she says, 'Tell her

I'll try and thank her when we get over yonder!' I will, too, if I am ever worthy to be found in such company."

"At any rate I got a glimpse of heaven that night, and I can now better understand how God can forgive such sinners as I, when you so warmly clasped the hand of one instead of calling me a thief, wished me a 'Happy New Year,' and called me 'Son.' May your God reward you, for I never can."

The foregoing letter was read through blinding tears, and when the reader finished she looked lovingly into the sweet face which had so appealed to the writer of it, but could only trust herself to say:

"That will surely be another star in your crown, grandma."

A happy sigh alone broke the stillness for a little, and then the aged heroine evasively rejoined:

"Now you can understand, dear, why I talk only of my first New Year's caller."

THE S. S. LESSON

INTERNATIONAL LESSON, JAN. 1.

Lesson 1.—The Kingdom divided, I. Kings 12-14. Golden Text, Prov. 13. 20.

Verse 1. Rehoboam.—The only son of Solomon of whom we have any mention. His mother was Naamah, an Ammonite princess. Upon his succession he was forty-one years old, a man of weak character whom the luxuries of his youth had made insolent and unreliable.

Shechem.—Situated west of the Jordan in the hill-country of Ephraim, just below Gerizim. Reputed to have been destroyed in the Jewish war and restored by Vespasian. It occupied an important position in the early history of Israel. The "oak" of Moreh connects Shechem with Abraham (Gen. 12. 6). "Jacob's well" was there. There also Joseph was buried. Joshua made it a city of refuge, and near by the law was read by him (Josh. 8, 33-35). After Jeroboam was proclaimed king he built a palace in Shechem, but it was a poorly fortified place and did not remain the capital for long.

2. Jeroboam.—He was son of Nebat and Zerah, an Ephraimite of Zeredah. Having been proclaimed first king of Israel after the separation, he reigned twenty-two years. See next lesson. His abilities were early recognized by Solomon, who appointed him commissioner of the house of Joseph. In this important position he found opportunity to plot against the king, from whose avenging presence he fled into Egypt. Previous to this he was promised the leadership of the ten tribes by the prophecy of Ahijah (15).

Heard of it.—Some prefer to make this refer to the death of Solomon, placing verse two where verse one now stands. At any rate, Jeroboam must have been in close touch with the situation at home, so that he could respond without delay when the time was ripe.

3. All the assembly of Israel came.—The reasons why they hesitated to accept Rehoboam without condition lie upon the face of the story: 1. They wanted assurance that the new reign would be less despotic. 2. The old spirit of independence stirred them to suspect an hereditary monarchy. 3. The ascendancy of Judah and the centralization of power by geographical or economic conditions. These facts naturally awakened jealousy in a people whose tribal instinct was still strong.

4. Thy father made our yoke grievous.—In building the temple and maintaining the splendors of his court Solomon made large levies of men and imposed upon them heavy labors.

We will serve thee.—They would not totally reject the hereditary principle, but the succession must be confirmed by the popular will. 5. Depart yet for three days.—It is likely he was taken by surprise, and, being a weakling, he missed a golden opportunity of winning the immediate and decisive support of an important section of his people who were already seriously disaffected.

6. The old men.—Their counsel was that of worldly wisdom. In effect it said, "Assure them with good words that you are their servants, and they will be your servants forever."

7. The young men.—They were the court favorites of a period of moral relaxation and effeminacy, and stood ready to give sly advice by which they might profit and the common herd be subjected to discomfort. "Be severe," they said. "Tell them you will not surrender your prerogative of enforced service, but will even increase the burdens imposed by your father, and that, whereas he chastised them with whips, you will chastise them with leaded thongs (scorpions, 11)." This mad counsel exactly suited the haughty spirit of the young men.

arch, already drunk with unaccustomed power. 15. A thing brought about of Jehovah.—As a punishment for the sins of Solomon the Lord had decreed, through his prophet, that the kingdom should be rent asunder. Thus, the folly of Rehoboam, and the consequent material disaster to both kingdoms, were made the means by which Jehovah's higher purpose for the moral and spiritual good of humanity should be accomplished.

16. What portion have we in David?—Adopting the proverbial language used by Sheba in his rebellion against David (2 Sam. 20. 1).

See to thine own house.—An announcement of the comparative weakness, and equivalent to "Stand off."

17. The children of Israel that dwell in the cities of Judah.—The chief of these cities were Jerusalem, Mizpeh, Gibeon, and Hebron.

18. Adoram.—This man, who was over the men subject to taxwork, was naturally the most hated person whom Rehoboam could have sent to patch up a poor piece of work. He represented just the arrogant, despotic spirit of their taskmaster which made him particularly offensive to the people. It is little wonder that, in their resentment, they stoned him to death. His fate awoke the king to the fact that it was perilous for him to expose himself to the wrath of such men, and he fled to Jerusalem.

20. There was none that followed the house of David, but the tribe of Judah.—Dean Farrar has pointed out the comparative strength and weakness of the two kingdoms. Israel, with such famous shrines as Bethel, Gilgal, Jericho, Shechem, Achor, and Joppa; and such national heroes as Joshua, Deborah, Barak, Jephthah, Gideon, Samuel and Saul; and her freedom "from the trammels of a bad commencement"; and her superiority in the matter of soil and climate; and her consequent larger freedom and more brilliant literature and higher development in prophecy; she seemed to possess overwhelming advantages, but she suffered two serious drawbacks—image-worship and the lack of one continuous dynasty. Judah, on the other hand, possessed the advantages of a magnificent capital, a loyal people, kings who more nearly approached the ideal, complete freedom from sins that curse a nation, and the wide expectation that out of Judah should come the Deliverer.

21-24.—Through the man of God, Shemaiah (see 2 Chron. 12), it is made known unto Judah that Rehoboam's purpose to fight for the re-establishment of the kingdom is disapproved of. Once more Jehovah makes it plain that this thing is of me.

23. Judah and Benjamin.—The latter was only partly within the bounds of Judah. Simeon, by its position, was practically absorbed by Judah, which accounts for their seeming to be eleven, instead of twelve tribes.

ANOTHER YEAR.
Another year is ending,
Another cometh on;
Our coin of time we're spending,
Our years will soon be gone.
From childhood unto manhood,
How short the journey seems!
We live through days and hours
As if we walked in dreams.

From dawn until the noontide,
From noon until sunset's fall,
A shadow that declineth,
And sleep for one and all.

The sound of war and tumult,
The clamor and the cry;
The song, the mirth, the laughter,
The moan, the pang, the sigh.

By heart-beat swift and steady
We measure off our years;
By roses of betrothal,
By rune of bitter tears.

If only earth were ours,
If life beyond were not,
These toilsome days were little
Except a blur and blot.

But after sleep comes waking,
And after death comes life,
The endless years of heaven,
The endless peace from strife.

Cease, year, that silent passeth!
Haste, year, that cometh soon!
The century's clock is ringing;
Come in, on silver shoon.

Another year is dying,
Another year is born;
Christ keep us all forever,
In midnight and at morn!

A GRACE FOR THE NEW YEAR
Lord, for what we have received,
Learned and loved, unlearned,
Achieved;

For our measure of success,
Failures, cares and fears no less;
For the joy and stress and strife,
All that truly counts as life;
For the kindness and the grace
On each friendly human face;
For a larger trust in Thee—
May we truly thank Thee!
And for what, if we should live,
We are going to receive;
For the rapture and the pain
Certain to be ours again;
For the future, still unseen,
For the veil that hangs between,
For the knowledge all is right,
Though the darkness hide the light,
Though Death himself should draw
His sword—
Make us truly thankful for a

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PERSONALS.

Miss Ethel Coulter is visiting friends at
Camden East.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Fox are spending
the holidays at Kempenville.

Mrs. Caldwell and Miss Della Caldwell
spent Xmas in Lindsay.

Miss S. Wight is spending the winter
with her brother, Rev. L. S. Wight.

Mr. H. Keslick, Cresswell, is the guest
of Miss B. E. Mosher.

Mr. Melville Holden of Ridley College,
is visiting relatives in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Caleb Curtis of Chicago
are visiting his brother, Mr. Wm. Curtis.

Mr. J. S. Thompson and son of Port
Hope spent the week at the home of A. L.
Hough.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Patterson held a family
gathering and Xmas dinner on Dec. 26th.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Minchin spent
Xmas with their daughter, Mrs. Baldwin
Reid of Ivanhoe.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarke of Rawdon parsonage
were the recipients of a very fine
Christmas goose by the kindness of Well-
man's Corners friends.

Mrs. H. S. Ferguson, Miss Florence, and
Mrs. H. J. Ferguson spent Xmas in
Kingston.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilnot German and two
daughters, Marysville, are holiday guests
of Mrs. German's sister, Mrs. L. S. Wight.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Cummings and
family from Greenshield, Alta., are visit-
ing their parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. Patter-
son and other friends in this vicinity.

Thos. R. Shaw and wife from Cobalt,
and Alfred Harris and family were the
guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Shaw.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Reid and Master
Harold of Belleville were guests of Mr.
and Mrs. Robert Reid this week.

Mrs. Geo. H. Kingston of West Hunting-
ton and Miss Sarah Kingston of Stirling
are spending a few days with relatives in
Prescott.

Among the holiday visitors in town
were—Miss Elma Watts, Misses Annie
and Winnie Hoard, Miss Minnie Hanna,
Miss Bertha Shaw, Misses M. and C. Ful-
loch, Mr. Arthur Hutcheson, Toronto;
Mr. W. Spry, Miss F. Bissonnette, King-
ston; Miss Nina Denill, Miss E. Kingston,
Belleville; Miss May Kennedy, Madoc;
Miss Bertha Mosher, Cannington; Mrs.
W. H. Stevens, Haliburton; Miss Ethel
Green, Oshawa; Mr. Percy Reynolds,
Detroit; Mr. Oliver Althart, Harrow.

Obituary

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs.
Malcolm Totton regretted very much to
learn of their late bereavement in the
loss of their only child, Willie.
He was taken suddenly ill on Nov. 6th,
and despite all kind hands and medical
skill could do, he was called to the
Great Beyond on Nov. 22nd.

Willie was a general favorite with
his school fellows and friends, and his
bright cheery smile will be greatly
missed in the community. The sym-
pathy of a great many friends is ex-
tended to the bereaved parents in
their great loss.

In Memoriam

"Great God! spare our darling,
We love him! we need him!
The prayer wafted softly
To Heaven's bright shrine,
And God, in his mercy,
Looked down on the pleaders,
But he feared the great tempter
And said "He is mine."
And that fair, bright flower
Carefully tended,
Was snatched from this earth
For a far brighter clime,
Where all is as sunshine
With angels as keepers,
And God for a Master—
There he'll dwell for all time.

O, kind, loving father,
O, fond, weeping mother,
How sad yearn your hearts
From the loss you sustain;
How you yearn for his gleefully
Sweet peals of laughter,
And his glad, childish prattle
Which you'll ne'er hear again.
How hard seems this life
When dark troubles close o'er us,
But we will be patient
And bear them the more,
Knowing they're sent
For the best from our Father
Who again will unite us
When those few years are o'er.
Farewell! noble darling,
We would not recall thee
From that bright, happy home
You were called to enjoy,
But we wait full of hope
For that glorious re-union
When nothing can part us,
Our own precious boy.

Strayed

From the premises of the subscriber, on
or about the 12th of December, one Eve
and one Lamb, Leicester. Any person
giving information that will lead to their
recovery will be suitably rewarded.

W. J. HAGERMAN,
Lot 6, con. 4, Rawdon.

ADVERTISING NOTICES

In the local column will be charged as follows:
To Regular Advertisers.—Three lines and un-
der, 25 cents each insertion; over three lines,
75c. per line. Matter set in larger than the or-
dinary type, 10c. per line.
To Transient Advertisers.—10c. per line each
insertion. No insertion less than 25c.

RAILWAY TIME TABLE

Trains call at Stirling station as follows:
GOING WEST. GOING EAST.
Mail & Ex. 6.03 a.m. Passenger 10.27 a.m.
Passenger 6.45 p.m. Mail & Ex. 8.41 p.m.

The Stirling News-Argus.

THURSDAY, DEC. 29, 1910.

LOCAL MATTERS.

The News-Argus

WISHES ALL A

Happy and Prosperous New Year

Remember St. Andrew's Concert on
Monday night.

Some correspondence and other mat-
ter unavoidably crowded out of this
issue.

Do not forget St. John's S. S. Enter-
tainment, Friday evening Dec. 30th.
Come and enjoy yourself.

The reports of examinations in the
High School will appear in next week's
issue of this paper.

You will miss a treat if you fail to
hear Mr. W. J. McBretney of Toronto
on Monday night.

A hockey match will be played off
next Monday afternoon when a good
swift game is expected. For particu-
lars see posters.

Don't fail to see the patriotic flag drill
on Monday night.

There will, (D.V.) be a watch-night
service held in the Holiness Movement
Church, Stirling, Saturday night, com-
mencing at 8.30 p.m. All welcome.

St. Andrew's Church Sunday School
will hold their annual entertainment
on Monday evening next, Jan. 2nd.
An excellent program is promised.

The Tweed Advocate is the name of
a new paper which has just been start-
ed in Tweed, the first number of
which has just been received. Mr.
Zed. LaFontaine is the publisher.

Polling will take place in the Coun-
cil Chamber on Monday next, as prepa-
rations will be under way in the Hall
for the entertainment given by St.
Andrew's Sunday School in the even-
ing.

The humorous cantata will make you
laugh on Monday night.

The first hockey match of the season
took place on the Stirling Rink on Mon-
day afternoon last between Campbell-
ford and Stirling teams. The home
team was victorious with a score of 7 to
nil.

Messrs John Dawkins & Son had the
misfortune to have the principal shaft
in their mill break the other day. This
has caused a suspension of business for
a few days. They hope to have every-
thing in running order again by the
middle of next week.

The Baraca Bible Class, a recent or-
ganization for men in St. Andrew's
Church will be addressed next Sunday
at 2.30 p.m. by Mr. A. D. McIntosh,
B. Sc., on the subject "Heaven and
Hell." A cordial invitation is extended
to all men to hear Mr. McIntosh.

The United Empire Bank and the
Union Bank have amalgamated, and
the business will hereafter be car-
ried on under the name of the latter.
The Union Bank is one of the strong
banking institutions of Canada, and has
many branches in the western provin-
ces, but not very many in Ontario. Its
headquarters is in the city of Quebec.

A quiet wedding took place this
morning at the residence of Mrs. F. B.
Parker, when her daughter, Elizabeth
(Bessie), was married to Mr. Judson
H. Bush, son of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin
Bush. The Rev. J. A. Hills officiated,
and Mr. and Mrs. Bush left immedi-
ately after the ceremony for their home
in Salt Lake City.

The electric light plant, after only
ten months' service, is paying hand-
somely, and will begin the new year
with an income of \$2,400 per annum
which is sure to increase as the service
is being constantly extended. It is
considered so good an investment that
private individuals have offered an ad-
vance of fifty per cent on cost of con-
struction for the purchase of the
plant. It should never be sold but re-
tained under the control of the munici-
pality.

Union Lodge No. 9, A. F. and A. M.,
Napanea, held what is known among
the Masonic fraternity as a "Lodge of
sorrow" in memory of the late F. T.
Dibb. A Daily paper says: "Such ex-
pression of love for a departed member
as was shown by the brethren is rarely
seen among men, and is a true criterion
of the love felt by all for the late be-
loved vicar of the church of St. Magdal-
ene."

Potts-Reid

A quiet wedding took place yesterday
at the home of Mr. Edgar Reid in the
third concession of Rawdon, when his
daughter, Miss Alma Olive, was united
in marriage to Mr. Wm. B. Potts of
Hoard's. The ceremony was performed
by Rev. W. H. Clarke, pastor of Raw-
don circuit, in the presence of near rela-
tives; after which the happy couple left
to take the noon C. P. R. train for Ot-
tawa.

Wedding Bells

SOLMES—HAGERMAN

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm.
Hagerman, Minto, was the scene of a
pretty wedding on Wednesday morn-
ing, Dec. 28th, when their daughter,
Annie Tabitha, was united in holy wed-
lock to Mr. Thomas William Solmes
of Minto, the Rev. Mr. Robeson of
Ivanhoe being the officiating clergy-
man.

Promptly at 11.30 o'clock, to the
strains of Lohengrin wedding march,
played by Miss Jennie Clements of
Minto, the bridal party entered the
parlor and took their places under an
evergreen arch, tastily trimmed with
white Japanese lilies and a beautiful
white bell. The winsome bride, who
was given away by her father, looked
charming in a gown of cream shan-
tong silk trimmed with silk net and
satin ribbon. She also wore the tra-
ditional veil crowned with orange
blossoms. The bridesmaid, Miss Lena
Hagerman, sister of the bride, wore a
gown of pale blue silk mull with white
silk trimmings. The bridegroom was
ably assisted by his cousin, Mr. Ernest
Solmes, of Minto. After the ceremony
was completed and congratulations
were offered, the guests, about one
hundred in number, repaired to the
artistically decorated dining rooms
where a delicate yet bountiful repast
was served.

The groom's gift to the bride was a
handsome brown fur-lined coat trim-
med with a mink collar, to the brides-
maid a beautiful amethyst brooch set
with pearls, and to his best man a pair
of gold cuff links. The grand display
of other presents, costly yet useful,
plainly showed the high esteem in
which the young couple are held.
Among these was a mantel clock pre-
sented by Salem choir, of which both
the bride and groom are members.

Friends present from a distance
were: Mrs. Ryall and daughter, Nor-
ham; Messrs. Melville and Ernest Ha-
german, Belleville; Mr. Geo. and Miss
Mabel Foster, Prince Edward; Mr.
and Mrs. S. Solmes and Mr. and Mrs.
Rathbun, Trenton; Dr. and Mrs.
Faulkner, Stirling; Mr. and Mrs.
Ketcheson, Sidney.

Mr. and Mrs. Solmes left the next
morning for Belleville where they pur-
pose spending a few days with friends,
Mrs. Solmes travelling in a taupe,
striped suit of satin cloth with hat to
match. After their return they will
reside at Minto. All join in wishing
them a long life of happiness, prosper-
ity and usefulness.

Methodist Sunday School Christmas Concert

The concert given in the Opera
House last Monday evening under the
auspices of the Methodist Sunday
School was an almost unprecedented
success. The programme was rendered
by four talented artists, namely—Miss
Wellington of Brighton, Miss Brown
and Miss Bowden of Belleville and Mr.
Robert Clarke, Ventriloquist, Toronto.

The opening number was a recitation
contributed by Miss Wellington and
was received with great applause.
Several beautiful solos and duets were
given by Miss Bowden and Miss
Brown, and were also loudly applauded.
Their sweet, well trained voices
captivated the audience. Several other
recitations were given by Miss Well-
ington, and Mr. Robert Clarke created an
almost ceaseless roar of merriment in
every part of the house with exhibitions
of his Punch and Judy Show and Fam-
ily of Blockheads.

The choir was very ably filled by
Rev. Mr. Wight.
The gross receipts were \$ 8 50.

At the nomination meeting on Mon-
day the members of the old Council
took considerable credit to themselves
for their management of the affairs of
the village, and very justly so. In
reference to the establishing of the
electric light plant, efficient fire pro-
tection, and other matters, the affairs
of the village have been managed in a
manner that reflects credit on them.
There is one thing, however, that re-
quires their attention, and that is the
proper heating of the Town Hall. All
who were present at the nomination
meeting can bear testimony that the
building was as cold as a barn, and all
were compelled to sit with their over-
coats and hats on, or run the risk of
catching cold, with doctor's bills to
follow. This matter should be attend-
ed to.

There is one farm paper in Canada
that in over twenty years has never
missed an opportunity of promoting the
interests of the farmer, and has in
no small way assisted in securing the
passage of every measure that has been
obtained for the improvement of his
condition. That paper is the Weekly
Sun. The Sun's market reports have
no equal for accuracy. They are each
week of special interest and value to
every man who works the land. Every
farmer should be a reader of the Sun.
Before renewing your subscription to
any paper drop a card to The Sun, 61
John Street, Toronto, for their clubbing
list.

Auction Sale

Mr. John A. Melklohn, lot 22 in the
third concession of Rawdon, will sell by public
auction all of his farm stock and im-
plements, on Wednesday, Jan. 4th, 1911.
See posters for particulars.

ANDERSON'S GREAT ANNUAL 20 PER CENT. DISCOUNT SALE OF GENERAL DRY GOODS

Starts Tuesday Morning, Jan. 3rd, 1911, at 9 o'clock.

MEN'S CLOTHING

40 only Men's Suits - at 25 per cent. off.

25 only Overcoats - at " " " "

15 Ladies' Coats at 33 1-3 per cent. discount.
Get your size before we are sold out.

N. B.—Terms of this sale are strictly Cash.
Produce taken at regular price of goods only.

G. W. ANDERSON

Auction Sales

THURSDAY, JAN. 5—On lot 25, con. 6,
Seymour, the farm stock and implements
belonging to W. J. Watson. Sale at 12
o'clock, noon. Norman Montgomery,
Auctioneer.

Married

SMITH—KEATING. On Wednesday Dec.
28th, 1910, at the parsonage by Rev. L. S.
Wight, Mr. George Smith of Frankford and
Miss Nellie Keating to Glen Ross.

BUSH—PARKER.—At the home of the bride's
mother, Mrs. F. B. Parker, Stirling, on Dec.
28th, by Rev. J. A. Hills, Mr. Judson H. Bush
of Salt Lake City, to Miss Elizabeth (Bessie)
Parker, Stirling.

POTTS—REID.—At the home of the bride,
on Wednesday morning, Dec. 28th, 1910,
William B. Potts, of Hoard's Station to Alma
Olive, daughter of Mr. Edgar Reid of Rawdon,
by Rev. W. H. Clarke.

KETCHESON—MCCLAREN.—At Trinity Church
Frankford, on Wednesday Dec. 28th, by the
Rev. B. F. Byers, M. A., Eva Pearl, daughter
of John McClaren, Frankford, to Geo. Walter
Ketcheson, Sidney Township.

HAGERMAN—HAGGERTY.—At the residence
of the bride's father on Wednesday December
28th by the Rev. B. F. Byers, Rector of the
parish, Georgina, daughter of Wm.
Haggerty, Stirling, to Milton James, second
son of Albert W. Hagerman, Sidney Town-
ship.

Deaths

LONDON.—In Stirling, on December 27th,
Orville Kenneth London, infant son of Mr.
and Mrs. Geo. London, aged 1 year 3 months
and 19 days.

Extensive Sale

On Jan. 4th of high grade Holstein cows
and heifers, brood sows and shoats; span
of young heavy matched horses, Minorca
fowls and farm implements. Lot 10, con.
4, Sidney. Wm. Hawkins, Owner.

To the Electors OF THE VILLAGE OF STIRLING

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN—Your
vote and influence is respectfully solicited
for Councillor for the year 1911.
Wishing one and all the compliments of
the season,

Yours sincerely,
R. P. COULTER.

Lady and Gentleman Electors of Stirling

Having been urged by a number of our
citizens to return to active service in our
Municipal Council affairs, I have consented
to their request and wish, and now ask
your patronage and assistance by influence
and vote to place me in the position of
Councillor for 1911.
If I have your confidence and support I
assure you in every particular and through
the proper channels that the laws of this
village shall be obeyed as far as in my
power to assist in that direction.
Thanking you in advance, I remain
Yours truly,
G. G. THRASHER.

Strayed

From the premises of the subscriber,
four yearling Heifers. Have private mark
on each. Any information leading to their
recovery will be rewarded.
ELISHA MAYNES,
Thomasburg, Ont.

The Parlor Shoe Store

We take this opportunity of
wishing you all a Happy and
Prosperous 1911

We also thank you for your patronage
during the past, and ask a continuance
of the same during the coming year.

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We wish our many Customers
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perous New Year.



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For Stirling and surrounding district for
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liable agent to take orders for nursery
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GOOD PAY WEEKLY OUTFIT FREE
EXCLUSIVE TERRITORY
600 Acres
under cultivation. We guarantee to de-
liver stock in good condition and up to
contract grade. We can show that there
is good money in representing a well
known, reliable firm at this time. Estab-
lished over thirty years. Write for par-
ticulars.
PELHAM NURSERY CO.
Toronto, Ont.

"Ring out the old,
Ring in the new,
Ring out the false,
Ring in the true."
And the Best of
1911
To You.

Thomas D. D. D.

EXPLOSION KILLS OVER 300

Tragedy at Hulton Coal Mine, Near Bolton, England

A despatch from Bolton, England, says: More than 300 colliers lost their lives on Wednesday in an explosion in the Little Hulton Colliery of the Hulton Colliery Company, which is located a little distance outside this city. The explosion occurred early in the morning, soon after the miners had entered the pit to begin work. Its force was terrific, and later investigation showed that the lower passages had been blocked. Heroic efforts were made by rescue parties all day long, but a fire which followed the explosion prevented the rescuers from penetrating beyond four hundred yards into the workings.

At half-past nine o'clock on Wednesday night all the rescuers were called out of the mine, and a conference was held, at which Government Inspector Gerrard, the engineers and the mine manager were present. Inspector Gerrard issued a report after making a descent into the pit, in which he declared that it was impossible that any of the miners are still alive. Toward midnight, however, two more miners were found alive. They were terribly burned, and are in a critical condition.

It was announced that 40 bodies had been collected at the bottom of the shaft, and that they should be brought up as soon as possible. A flicker of hope still animates the rescuers that more men may be found alive.

The first rescue party brought out eight men, still living, but the majority of these were in a serious condition from the noxious gases.

Ten bodies also were removed, and twenty additional bodies were found partly covered by heavy falls of coal.

THE RUBONIC PLAGUE.

Ravages of the Disease Unchecked in Manchuria.

A despatch from St. Petersburg says: The correspondent of The Reich at Vladivostok telegraphs that the ravages of the bubonic plague in Mongolia are unchecked. Corpses frequently mark the sites of abandoned camps of nomads. The situation in Manchuria is grave. The German Consul at Harbin has addressed a pressing note to the Chinese authorities demanding that radical measures be taken to stay the epidemic, and stating that otherwise Germany will interfere. The municipality of Harbin has invited Japanese physicians to attend the diseased in the barracks, as the Russians refuse to risk their lives. The mortality has been appalling. From October 26 to December 11 482 Chinese and eleven Russians have been stricken, and 431 Chinese and ten Russians have died within the precincts of the Eastern Chinese Railroad.

ICE CREAM IS ALL RIGHT.

Seventy Per Cent. Measures Up to New Standard.

A despatch from Ottawa says: A bulletin issued from the laboratory of the Inland Revenue Department shows that at least seventy per cent. of the ice cream sold in Canada measures up to the new standard required under the regulations passed by order in Council last month. An analysis of 125 samples of ice cream on sale in various sections of the Dominion gave 77 fully up to or above the standard of 14 per cent. of milk fat; 11 samples were nearly up to the standard; 31 were somewhat below, and six were greatly below the standard. The bulletin says there has been a very marked improvement in the quality of Canadian ice cream during the past two years.

John H. Martin, a Hamilton bigamist, was sent to the pen for five years.

WORKMEN FROM SCOTLAND

Five Thousand Wanted to Build the Grand Trunk Pacific

A despatch from Montreal says: Mr. W. Stewart of the firm of Foley Walsh & Stewart, contractors for the mountain sections of the Grand Trunk Pacific, which will represent an outlay of many millions of dollars, has left for Scotland to secure labor for the gigantic undertaking. There is very little labor available on the Pacific coast, and public sentiment will not tolerate, nor will the Dominion or Provincial Governments sanction the importation of Asiatic labor. Mr. Stewart is hopeful of getting the five thousand men he needs to build the road through the mountains. He says those men will make good settlers, after the road is constructed. "They will cost us more," said Mr. Stewart, "than Asiatics would have done, but the railway and the country will have the advantage of five thousand acclimated settlers of the finest race the world has produced."

THE WORLD'S MARKETS

REPORTS FROM THE LEADING TRADE CENTRES.

Prices of Cattle, Grain, Cheese and Other Dairy Produce at Home and Abroad.

BREADSTUFFS.

Toronto, Dec. 27.—Flour—Winter wheat 90 per cent. patents, \$3.55 to \$3.60; seaboard, Manitoba flours—First patents, \$5.40; second patents, \$4.90, and strong bakers', \$4.70, on track, Toronto. Manitoba Wheat—No. 1 Northern 98c, Bay ports; No. 2 Northern, 95½c, Bay ports, and No. 3 at 93c, Bay ports.

Ontario wheat—85½ to 86c outside for No. 2 white and red Winter. Barley—The market is quiet, with milling qualities 56 to 58c outside, and feed 48 to 50c outside. Oats—No. 2 white, 35c, on track, Toronto, and 32 to 32½c outside; No. 2 W. C. oats, 38c, Bay ports, and No. 3 at 36½c, Bay ports.

Corn—New No. 2 American, 52½ to 53c, prompt shipment, Toronto freights.

Peas—No. 2 shipping, 78c, outside.

Rye—No. 2 at 60c outside.

Buckwheat—No. 2 at 46 to 47c outside.

Brans—Manitobas, \$19, in bags, Toronto, and shorts, \$21, in bags, Toronto. Ontario bran, \$19, in sacks, Toronto, and shorts, \$22.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Apples—Spys, \$4.50 to \$6; Baldwins \$4 to \$5; Greenings, \$4 to \$4.50; No. 2 assorted, \$3.50 to \$3.70 per barrel.

Beans—Car lots, \$1.60 to \$1.70, and small lots, \$1.50 to \$1.65.

Honey—Extracted, in tins, 10½ to 11c per lb.; No. 1 comb, wholesale, \$2 to \$2.25 per dozen; No. 2 comb, wholesale, \$1.75 to \$1.85 per dozen.

Baled hay—The market is quiet, with No. 1 at \$12.50 to \$13 on track, and No. 2 at \$10 to \$11.

Baled straw—\$6.50 to \$7.25 on track, Toronto.

Potatoes—Car lots, 70 to 75c per bag.

Poultry—Wholesale prices of dressed poultry: Chickens, 13 to 15c per lb.; fowl, 10 to 11c per lb.; ducks, 13 to 15c per lb.; turkeys, 20 to 21c per lb., and geese, 15 to 14c per lb. Live, 1 to 2c less.

THE DAIRY MARKETS.

Butter—Dairy prints, 22 to 24c; choice dairy solids, 21 to 23c; inferior, 18 to 19c; choice large rolls, 21 to 22c. Creamery, 27 to 28c per lb. for rolls, 25c for solids, and 24 to 25c for separator prints.

Eggs—Case lots of pickled bring 27c; cold storage, 27 to 28c; selected, 30 to 31c, and strictly new-laid, 28c per dozen.

Cheese—Large at 12½c, and twins 12½c.

HOG PRODUCTS.

Bacon—Long clear, 12½ to 13c per lb. in case lots; mess pork, \$24; short cut, \$26.

Hams—Light to medium, 16c; do., heavy, 15c; rolls, 12½c; shoulders, 11½c; breakfast bacon, 18c; backs (pea meal), 18½c.

Lard—Tierces, 12½c; tubs, 12½c; pails, 13c.

BUSINESS IN MONTREAL.

Montreal, Dec. 27.—Oats—No. 2 Canadian Western, 39½ to 39¾c; extra No. 1 feed, 38½c; No. 3 Canadian Western, 38½ to 38¾c; No. 2 local white, 37½c; No. 3 local white, 36½c; No. 4 local white, 35½c. Barley—Manitoba No. 4, 48 to 48½c. Flour—Manitoba Spring wheat patents, firsts, \$5.60; do., seconds, \$5.10; Winter wheat patents, \$4.75 to \$5; Manitoba strong bakers', \$4.90; straight rollers, \$4.35 to \$4.50; do., in bags, \$2 to \$2.05; extras, \$1.65 to \$1.75. Feed—Ontario bran, \$18.50 to \$19; Ontario middling, \$22 to \$22.50; Manitoba shorts, \$21 to \$22; Manitoba bran, \$18 to \$20; pure grain mouille, \$31 to \$32; mixed mouille, \$25 to \$28. Cheese—Westerns, 11½ to 12c, and easterns, 11½ to 11¾c. Butter—Choicest, 25½c, and seconds, 24½ to 24¾c. Eggs—Selected stock, 32c; No. 1 stock, 27c, and No. 2, 23 to 24c.

UNITED STATES MARKETS.

Buffalo, Dec. 27.—Wheat—Spring wheat, No. 1 Northern, carloads, store, \$1.12½. Corn—No. 3 yellow, 48½c; No. 4 yellow, 46½c on track, through billed. Oats—No. 2 white, 35½c; No. 3 white, 35½c; No. 4 white, 34½c. Barley—Malt-ing, 56 to 60c.

Minneapolis, Dec. 27.—Wheat—No. 1 hard, cash, \$1.02½; No. 1 Northern, cash, \$1.01; Dec., \$1.00½; May, \$1.03; July, \$1.03 7-8.

LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Toronto, Dec. 27.—Good butcher cattle brought \$6 per cwt. in several cases, and the prevailing quotation was between \$5.85 and \$6. Medium cattle were quite firm, but culls were perhaps 10c off. Sheep and lambs were steady, but hogs picked up about 10c. To-day's quotations were \$5.75 f.o.b. and \$7 fed and watered at Toronto.



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CONDENSED NEWS ITEMS

HAPPENINGS FROM ALL OVER THE GLOBE.

Telegraphic Briefs From Our Own and Other Countries of Recent Events.

CANADA.

Earl Grey is expected to go to the Arctic Ocean by way of the Mackenzie River.

A decree from Rome forbids priests from holding office in financial, industrial or fraternal organizations.

Deposits in Canadian banks at the end of November amounted to over \$840,000,000, as shown in the Government's monthly statement.

Hon. M. Cochrane, in an interview, pointed out that the Porcupine gold field was rich in prospects, but issued a warning against "wild-catting."

The power from Niagara was turned on at Hamilton on Wednesday night. Hon. J. S. Hendrie officiated and speeches were made by Messrs. Beck, McNaught and others.

After being on strike thirteen weeks, Montreal plumbers gave up the struggle and returned to work.

George How, a Kingston sailor, fell in a snowbank while drunk. A dog barked, a constable investigated and the man's life was saved.

At Prince Albert, Sask., Willie Taylor, aged 12, was shooting at a mark, and accidentally shot his eight-year-old sister, who died shortly afterwards.

Elie Petrie, a young Scotch domestic, of Amherst, N. S., poured coal oil on the kitchen stove. There was an explosion and the unfortunate girl was so severely burned that she died.

GREAT BRITAIN.

At the conclusion of the British elections the Liberal coalition forces have a majority of 126 over the Unionists.

The method of finger print identification failed in a London, Eng., court for the first time on record.

UNITED STATES.

Centennial celebration in commemoration of the Battle of Lake Erie will be held in 1913.

Nettie McConachie, of Port Huron, Mich., died of hydrophobia, after being bitten by a dog two years ago.

GENERAL.

The Mexican insurgents held up a Federal troop train at Mal Paso for five hours and inflicted heavy losses on the Government forces.

WILL BE BIG CONVENTION.

Prominent Experts to Attend Forestry Gathering at Quebec.

A despatch from Ottawa says: The Dominion Forestry Convention called by Sir Wilfrid Laurier at the City of Quebec, Jan. 18-20, will be one of the largest and most important of this kind ever held in Canada. His Excellency the Governor-General will open the meeting, and H. S. Graves, Chief Forester of the United States, and Mr. E. E. Ring, Forest Commissioner for the State of Maine, will attend.

FIRED HIS BED IN JAIL.

Prisoner at Woodstock, N.B., Will Die as a Result.

A despatch from Woodstock, N. B., says: Lee Ryan, a prisoner in the jail here, on Wednesday night set fire to himself and his bed, and received burns from which he will die. He was arrested on a charge of drunkenness and placed in jail.

RAILWAYS HAVE DONE WELL.

Reports of Business in the West Show Enormous Increase.

A despatch from Winnipeg says: The reports on the passenger and traffic business from the three railroads, the C. P. R., C. N. R. and G. T. P., show an enormous increase during 1910 over all previous years. Although no actual figures can be obtained up to date, as far as can be estimated, the increase

NEARLY 30 FIREMEN KILLED

Ammonia Exploded at the Chicago Union Stock Yards

A despatch from Chicago says: Fire Marshal James Horan, and between twenty-five and thirty of his firemen were killed and forty others injured on Thursday in a fire which at an early hour had caused \$1,500,000 damage. An overhanging wooden canopy fell from the beef house of Morris and Company, where the fire started, carrying with it tons of red hot bricks and debris upon two companies of firemen and the chief, crushing them to death and encasing their bodies in a veritable furnace into which their comrades were unable to dig for several hours. Nearly all those who were not killed outright when the walls fell were roasted to death before help could reach them.

Assistant Chief Wm. Burroughs and Lieut. Fitzgerald were with the marshal under the canopy when it fell, receiving specific orders for directing the fight against the ever-spreading flames in other quarters, and they went down to their death with Marshal Horan.

Other firemen, witnesses of the fate of their chief, deserted for a brief time, other parts of the blazing structure, and sought with their bare hands to drag apart the glowing bricks and debris which covered the bodies of their chief and his companions.

The entire crews of engine companies 51 and 53 are said to be among the dead. In addition six members of another company, No. 29, and a few of No. 48 were killed.

on each of these roads during the present year is over 20 per cent.

FIRE SWEEPS WESTERN TOWN

Only Two Buildings Left in Business Section of Bradwardine.

A despatch from Bradwardine, Manitoba, says: Fire started in Ortenburg's store on Thursday morning at 2:45 and burned the whole of the business portion of the town. Ortenburg's general store, F. and J. Fold's hardware store, Massey-Harris warehouse, Bank of Hamilton, R. Commons' general store, and the Beaver Lumber office and lumber yard were destroyed. The only business places left are a restaurant and drug store.

SMUGGLED FROM CANADA.

Systematic Breach of Law Among Thousand Islands.

A despatch from Brockville says: Special United States Customs officers have been engaged the past three weeks at Alexandria Bay investigating smuggling operations carried on from Canada among the Thousand Islands the past three or four years. Over one hundred per-

TOO MUCH FOR HIM.

A young man visited his doctor, and described in detail symptoms of his illness.

"The thing to do," said the doctor, "is to drink hot water an hour before breakfast every morning."

"Well, how are you feeling?" the doctor asked, a week later. "Did you follow my directions, and drink hot water an hour before breakfast?"

"I did my best, doctor, but I couldn't keep it up more'n ten minutes at a stretch."

SIZE OF COREA.

Corea is about 600 miles long and 135 miles wide. It is very mountainous, and the climate is one of the finest in the world. Nine months in the year the skies are bright, and the winter is superb, with its extreme dryness, clear skies, and crisp frosty nights. From September to June there are no extremes of heat or cold.

CANADA WILL BOOM TRADE

Remarkable Growth of Commerce With Argentine Republic

A despatch from Ottawa says: An order-in-Council has been passed appointing Mr. H. R. Poussette Canadian Trade Commissioner to the Argentine Republic, with headquarters at Buenos Ayres. This appointment is the outcome of the negotiations which have been proceeding for some time between the Government and Mr. Horatio Meyer, Consul-General of Argentina to Canada. Mr. Poussette is at present Trade Commissioner at Durban, in Natal, but since the organization of the South African Union, it has been decided to place the Canadian trade representative there entirely in charge of Mr. J. A. Chesebrough, who will close the office at Cape Town and establish headquarters at Durban, which is the chief centre of trade between Canada and South Africa.

Canada's total trade with Argentina in 1909 was over five million dollars. Of this, \$2,867,785 represented exports of Canadian goods, which is more than Canada exported to France that year, although imports from the latter country were over ten millions. A syndicate has been formed to promote trade between Canada and Argentina.

BIG FIRE AT PHILADELPHIA

Four Firemen Killed, Twenty Buried in Ruins and Twelve Injured

A despatch from Philadelphia says: Four firemen are known to be dead, twenty are thought to be buried in the ruins and twelve others are in hospitals as the result of a fire on Wednesday night in the leather factory of Freeland & Company, 1,116-1,120 North Bodine street. It was first reported that Chief Baxter of the fire department was among those still in the ruins, but while he was injured, he escaped being carried down by the falling walls.

While the firemen were fighting the flames from the roofs of adjoining dwelling-houses, the south wall of the big building crashed down upon them. At the time there were at least 35 men on these buildings, and all were carried down. Four were later taken out dead. Twelve were able to extricate themselves from the mass of bricks and twisted iron girders, but it is thought that twenty men are still in the ruins. Not all of these are injured seriously.

SHE COULD NOT HOLD CUP OF TEA

DOCTORS AGREED TORONTO NURSE HAD BRIGHT'S DISEASE.

Dodd's Kidney Pills cured her after five years' suffering—Felt a benefit after first box.

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 26 (Special).—Mrs. Alberta Giffin, a nurse, living at 40 Wright Ave., this city, has been interviewed in regard to her reported cure of nervous or Kidney Pills. She states that the report is true in every particular.

"My sickness," Mrs. Giffin says, "was caused from a nervous breakdown and what the doctors called incurable Bright's Disease brought on by cold and long weeks of nursing. I suffered for five years.

"I was treated by three doctors and was a patient in two hospitals, but gradually got weaker. Reading the experiences of other sufferers like myself led me to try Dodd's Kidney Pills. At that time I was so weak and nervous I could not hold a cup of tea without spilling some of its contents.

"I felt a benefit after taking the first box of Dodd's Kidney Pills, and eight or nine boxes cured me so completely I can now walk a mile without fatigue."

If you haven't used Dodd's Kidney Pills yourself almost any of your neighbors will tell you they always cure Kidney Disease in any form.

DREADNOUGHT OUTCLASSED.

New Gas Driven Cruiser Type to Defy Even Aeroplanes.

German naval designers are at work on a small type of battleship which is expected to put the great Dreadnoughts into the obsolete class. The new vessels will be lightly armed and very speedy. Their length will be 280 feet, breadth 46 feet and draught 19-23 feet. The hull will extend 59 inches above the water line.

The armament will consist of two 16.7 inch guns, capable of throwing a projectile of 5,940 pounds from one great turret amidship. Four explosive gas motors, each of 6,000 horsepower, will give the vessels a normal speed of 19 knots an hour, and under forced pressure 27 knots. Extraordinary heavy armor plate will be placed on the decks, turrets and sides of the new vessels.

Speaking theoretically, the designers claim that it would require a three-ton projectile to tear up any Dreadnought, while the low freeboard and heavy armor of the new vessels would make their damage by 12-inch guns most difficult.

The cost of the new type ships will be considerably less than that of battleships. The vessels are spoken of in the Navy Department as cruiser destroyers. British naval designers are said to be working along the same lines as the Germans.

The fear of dynamite-throwing airships or aeroplanes is said to be eliminated in the new type, which is calculated to be bombproof.

OUR FRIEND THE FOX.

Pictured Not as a Robber of Hen Roosts but as a Foe to Mice.

No doubt it would surprise most sportsmen to be told that fox hunting depends on mice. Nevertheless, this is true, says Bailey's magazine. The vast population of mice in England—there has been calculated that there is a mouse to every square yard in the country—form the staple food of all beasts and birds of prey.

Every carnivorous animal from the fox to the shrew preys upon the mouse, but with the possible exception of the owl the fox is the keenest mouse of them all. In his infancy the fox learns to hunt by the pursuit of field mice, which the raven partly feeds for the purpose, and all through his life the fox makes mice one of the staples of his diet.

He hunts them as much by the keenness of his hearing as by the subtlety of his nose. A faint rustle in the leaves, a tiny squeak scarcely perceptible to our duller ears, a lightning pounce and the prey is secured, to be devoured there and then, or in the breeding season to be carried back to the cubs.

It is commonly thought that foxes live on rabbits, fowls and pheasants, but these are but a small part of the dietary of the fox. Indeed, if foxes were as destructive as they have the credit of being in the poultry yard and the game preserve it would be difficult to keep fowls or to preserve pheasants at all.

If, as is calculated, 11,000 foxes are killed by the hounds every year in Great Britain, and at least as

many more are destroyed by keepers and other enemies, it is probable that in September in each year there are something like 50,000 foxes in the country.

SENTENCE SERMONS.

Virtue is the joy of the upward way.

You easily hide the divine by definitions. Twisted truth usually doubles back on the user.

The still, small voice is not the small mind.

The putty man is apt to be proud of his patience.

Making too world gloomy will not make it cleaner.

Misery is the mental chaos of the self-centered mind.

Misery have no real meaning to those who cannot laugh.

A little every day help is worth a lot of Sunday holiness.

Many a sinner is adept at drawing fashion plates for saints.

It often takes tremendous hammering to find out what is in us.

You never know whether a man is good until he gets in the game of life.

There is always a lot of imagination in other people's troubles.

If your orthodoxy does not make you honest it had better keep you silent.

It's no use boasting of having the spirit if your life is as flat as cold soup.

Learning to be a good neighbor is splendid schooling for the land of the saints.

It's finer being a very small piece of sunshine than a very large bank of fog.

The folly of casting pearls before swine lies in that we ought to begin with pumpkins.

No man is so rich he can afford to lose friends nor so poor he needs to buy them.

Take your accidents of life by the handle and they become pioneer's axes for new ways.

The church often fails at work because the preacher is so anxious to succeed in words.

Appreciation of good accomplishment helps more than much advice on the good way to be done.

We never know the value of our friends until the only thing they can give us is their own selves.

GOOD SHOWING MADE BY BANK OF OTTAWA.

The 36th Annual Statement a Good One.

The 36th annual report of the Bank of Ottawa shows a very gratifying condition of affairs. The net profits for the year ended November 30, 1910, after deducting expenses of management, etc., amounted to \$532,353. This, with the \$455,919 balance at the credit of profit and loss account on the 30th November, 1909, makes a total of \$988,273. This has been appropriated as follows: Two quarterly dividends at the rate of 2% per cent, and two quarterly dividends at the rate of 2% per cent. Four hundred thousand was added to rest account, \$100,000 written off bank premises and \$10,000 applied to officers' pension fund, leaving a balance carried forward at credit of profit and loss of \$117,928.

Evidences of the growth are shown by an examination of the statement. The rest account on the 30th of November, 1909, was \$3,297,000. It now stands at \$3,500,000, an increase of over \$200,000 during the year. This increase was made up partly by premium on new stock issued, and partly by the transfer, as mentioned above, of \$400,000 from the profits. The bank is now in the pleasing position of having a rest account \$400,000 greater than its paid-up capital, thus indicating a very sound condition of affairs. The fact that the bank was able to issue its new stock at a premium is also worthy of comment, and shows that the opinion of careful investors.

The bank is particularly strong in specie and assets immediately available, these amounting to practically \$14,000,000. The current loans of the bank increased during the year by over \$4,500,000, and now amount to \$28,421,000, thus indicating that the bank is doing its full share in meeting the business needs of the country. The total assets increased during the year by almost \$4,500,000, and have now attained the handsome total of \$43,654,000. During the year Mr. George Hay, former president of the bank, died. Dr. David MacLaren now occupies the chair.

A NEW ALLOY.

It is as Strong as Steel and Very Light.

A new and valuable alloy called Duralumin has been discovered by Vickers, Sons & Maxim. It will be made at Birmingham, and will be placed on the market this month. It is slightly heavier than aluminum, and is strong as steel.

Mr. H. B. Vickers, the chief chemist of Vickers' Works at Barrow, stated that in the course of investigations they had found an alloy which they believed to be superior

PIPO'S THE BEST MEDICINE FOR COUGHS & COLDS

to anything of its kind hitherto manufactured.

The new metal could be rolled, drawn, stamped, extended or forged at suitable temperatures. It was less corrodible than other high aluminum alloys under all the usual corrosive tests, and possessed such valuable properties that Vickers, Sons & Maxim think there is bound to be a large demand for it. It was only one-third the weight of brass. The firm have protected this alloy by taking out patents in all the countries of the world.

A SYMPATHIZER.

"Come, mister, no one can sleep here!" said a policeman the other evening when he found a man lying on a vacant plot of land by the side of the road and aroused him.

"But I have a good excuse," replied the man.

"What is it?"

"See that house over there? Well, please to do me the favor to go and ring the bell, and ask if William Dockey is at home."

The officer went to the house, ascended the steps, and rang the bell.

A head was thrust out of a window, and a woman's voice demanded:

"Now, who is there?"

"Madam," replied the officer, "is William Dockey at home?"

"No he ain't, and I don't expect him until daylight," said the woman, and at the same time a bowlful of water descended on the officer's head.

"Well," said the man on the grass, as the dripping officer came up, "you see how it is, don't you? I'm Dockey; that's Mrs. Dockey."

"I think I understand," replied the officer. "You can remain where you are."

Shiloh's Cure

quickly stops coughs, cures colds, heals the throat and lungs. 25 cents.

"You look like a wreck to-day, Anna. Have you been sitting up all night again reading a novel?"

"Yes, madam. It was such a beautiful story, but they didn't get married till nearly five o'clock this morning!"

To discern and deal immediately with causes and overcome them, rather than to battle with effects after the disease has secured a lodgement, is the chief aim of the medical man, and Bickle's Anti-Consumptive Syrup is the result of patient study along this particular line. At the first appearance of a cold the Syrup will be found a most efficient remedy, arresting development and speedily healing the affected parts, so that the ailment disappears.

Wigg—"There seems to be quite a difference between a job and a situation." Wag—"Oh, yes! For instance, when a fellow loses his job he often finds himself in an embarrassing situation."

Pneumonia and Consumption are always preceded by an ordinary cold. Hamlin's Wizard Oil rubbed into the chest draws out the inflammation, breaks up the cold and prevents all serious trouble.

PROVED.

Dayley—"Professor Bluffer has written much that is of lasting value to science." Cayley—"How do you know?" Dayley—"Because I read his book, and can't understand a word of it!"

After a Bold Drive don't fall to take a teaspoonful of Painkiller mixed with a glass of hot water and sugar. It won't prevent child. Avoid substitutes, there is but one Painkiller. Perry Davis—25c and 50c.

HELPFUL SUGGESTION.

Rivers was following through the telephone to his wife, six miles away.

"If you'll raise the window," said Brooks, "you won't have to use the telephone."

TRY MURINE EYE REMEDY for Red, Weak, Watery Eyes and Granulated Eyelids. Murine Doesn't Smart—Soothes Eye Pain. Druggists Sell Murine Eye Remedy, Liquid, 25c. 50c. \$1.00. Murine Eye Salve in Aseptic Tubes, 25c. \$1.00. Eye Books and Eye Advice Free by Mail. Murine Eye Remedy Co., Chicago.

"Herbie, it says here that another octogenarian is dead." "What's an octogenarian?" "Well, I don't quite know what they are, but they must be very sickly creatures. You never hear of them but they're dying."

Yearling Boon Signals does not delay storms. Optimum-laden "metallies" may check coughing, but the cold stays. Do not trifle, when you begin to cough take Allen's Lung Balm, free from opium, full of healing power.

"Bridget," said Mrs. Grouchy. "I don't like the looks of that man who called to see you last night." "Well, well," replied Bridget, "ain't it funny, ma'am? He said the same about you."

Minard's Liniment Relieves Neuralgia.

PRINCE WINS BET.

Drinks Gallon of Liquor at One Draught and Dies.

Prince Vladimir Teropokoff, a penniless nobleman, sacrificed his life at Moscow last week in an attempt to win a strange wager.

Count Waldig, a wealthy landowner, made a bet with him that he would not drink a gallon of liquor at a draught. The prince's reward if he accomplished the feat was to be the title deeds to a valuable estate.

The prince ate nothing all day with the exception of salt herring, and in the evening, in the presence of the count and four witnesses, he raised a gallon jar to his lips and drank steadily until he set it down empty.

The title deeds of the estate were handed to him, but hardly had he received them when he sank to the ground and died in a few moments.

THE BEST MEDICINE FOR LITTLE ONES

The best medicine in the world for little ones is the medicine that will promptly cure all their little ills and at the same time can be given the very youngest baby with absolute safety. Such a medicine is Baby's Own Tablets. They never fail to cure the ills of childhood and the mother has the guarantee of a government analyst that they do not contain one particle of injurious drug. Concerning them, Mrs. John Robertson, Streetsville, Ont., writes: "I have used Baby's Own Tablets for constipation with the very best results. They are indeed a valuable medicine for little ones." The Tablets are sold by all medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

EXACT LOCALITY.

Caller—I've noticed a curious thing about dogs. They generally scratch themselves in the same spot.

Bobby (joining in the conversation)—Yes'm; ours always scratches himself behind the kitchen stove.

Minard's Liniment for sale everywhere.

PERVERSITY.

"It ain't no fun bein' a kid," observed a kid bitterly. "You always hafta go to bed when you ain't sleepy, and git up when you are."

A Cure for Rheumatism.—A painful and persistent form of rheumatism is caused by impurities in the blood, the result of defective action of the liver and kidneys. The blood becomes tainted by the introduction of uric acid, which causes much pain in the tissues and in the joints. Parmelee's Vegetable Pills are known to have effected many remarkable cures, and their use is strongly recommended. A trial of them will convince anyone of their value.

AT THE DOOR.

"Yes, my mind is made up to-night. I shall ask her to be my wife. B-b-b Jove, I hope she's out!"

The Japs Did It. They supplied the Menthol found in "The D & L" Menthol Plaster, which relieves instantly headache, backache, neuralgia, rheumatism and sciatica.

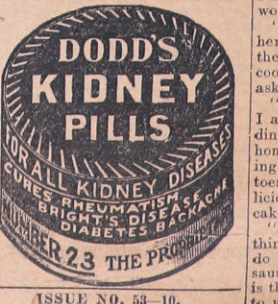
"Why are you weeping, little boy?" "I broke de pitcher." "Well, there's no use crying over spilt milk." "G'wan! Dis wuz beer."

Rub it in for Lame Back.—A brisk rubbing with Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil will cure lame back. The skin will immediately absorb the oil and it will penetrate the tissues and bring speedy relief. Try it and be convinced. As the liniment sinks in the pain comes out and there are ample grounds for saying that its touch is magical, as it is.

"But," protested the wayward son, "you should make allowance for the follies of youth." "I'm" growled the old man. "If it wasn't for the allowance you get there'd be less folly!"

Minard's Liniment Cures Burns, Etc.

Mrs. Jawback—I'm always ready to listen to reason. Mr. Jawback—Huh! Mrs. Jawback—But I insist on deciding for myself what is and what is not reason.



THE FAMOUS Rayo Lamp

The Rayo Lamp is a high grade lamp, sold at a low price. There are lamps that cost more, but there is no better lamp made at any price. Constructed of solid brass; nickel plated; easily kept clean; any room can be lighted with it. There is nothing known to the art of lamp-making that can add to the value of this RAYO Lamp as a light-giving device. Every dealer everywhere. If not at your store, write for descriptive circular to the nearest agency of

The Queen City Oil Company, Limited, Toronto.

DEVOURING HIS BOOKS.

"Yes," said Mrs. Lapping. "Johnny is getting along splendidly at school. He has almost finished elementary arithmetic."

A Pill that Proves its Value.—Those of weak stomach will find strength in Parmelee's Vegetable Pills, because they serve to maintain the healthful action of the stomach and the liver, irregularities in which are most distressing. Dyspeptics are well acquainted with them and value them at their proper worth. They have afforded relief when other preparations have failed, and have effected cures in ailments of long standing where other medicines were found unavailing.

SORRY, BUT—

"I hope, sir, my hat does not obstruct your view of the stage." "I cannot tell a lie madam; it does."

Minard's Liniment Co., Limited. Last winter I received great benefit from the use of MINARD'S LINIMENT in a severe attack of LaGrippe, and I have frequently proved it to be very effective in cases of inflammation.

Yours, W. A. HUTCHISON.

Success often comes from knowing what to expect and when to expect it.

As a vermifuge there is nothing so potent as Mother Graves' Worm Exterminator, and it can be given to the most delicate child without fear of injury to the constitution.

HE HASN'T PAID YET.

A man sat at lunch in the dining-room of a well-known hotel, when a bill-collector, having somehow eluded the attendants in the hall, walked up to him and laid on the table an overdue account. The diner glared at the account, his fork suspended in the air. Then, solemnly and indignantly, he handed the paper back to the collector.

"How dare you," he said, "infringe upon the rules of this establishment in this manner! Don't you know I can have you forcibly ejected for coming in here this! Now, I insist on your going out into the hall immediately, taking this bill with you, and that you send in your card by the attendants in the proper way."

The collector, red in the face, but hopeful on the whole, complied. He retired to the hall, and sent in his card with all due formality.

The debtor, eating steadily, received the card on a silver salver. He studied it gravely; then, turning to the waiter, he said: "Not at home."

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup

Has been used for over SIXTY-FIVE YEARS by MILLIONS OF MOTHERS for their CHILDREN WHILE TEething, WITH PERFECT SUCCESS. IT SOOTHES THE CHILD, EASES THE GUMS, ALLAYS ALL PAIN; CURES WIND COLIC, AND IS THE BEST REMEDY FOR DIARRHOEA. Sold by druggists in every part of the world. Be sure and ask for "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup" and take no other kind. Twenty-five cents a bottle. It is guaranteed under the Food and Drug Act, June 30th, 1906. Serial Number 1007.

AN OLD AND WELL TRIED REMEDY.

A justice once reproved a would-be suicide thus: "Young man, you have been found guilty of attempting to drown yourself in the river. Only consider what your feelings would have been had you succeeded."

"A Little Cold, You Know," will become a great danger if it is allowed to reach down the throat to the lungs. Nip the peril in the bud with Allen's Lung Balm, a sure remedy containing no opiates.

FIRST PRINCIPLES.

Mrs. Newcome had never done any cooking for at the time of her marriage one of the old family servants was turned over to her; but when Norah fell ill, Mrs. Newcome reassured her about the kitchen work.

"You have nothing to do but lie here and get well, Norah," said the young mistress, patting the cook's hand, "except that I may ask you one or two questions."

"Now to-day Mr. Newcome and I are going to have a very simple dinner. I ordered it, and it's come home, ready to cook. We are going to have sausages, baked potatoes, lettuce, and some of your delicious bread, and ice-cream and cake from the confectioners."

"Now I only want to ask you two things. About how much butter do you put in the pan to fry the sausages, or shall I use lard? And is there any particular kind of soap to use in washing the lettuce?"

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PILES of all kinds, in any and all stages, quickly relieved and positively cured. Cure your suffering and live quietly. "Common Sense" for Piles will do it. \$1 a box, 5 for \$5 boxes. Mailed on receipt of price.

LYLE MEDICINE COMPANY, TORONTO

A New Horse or Kendall's Spavin Cure?

Warren, Ont. Feb. 11th. "I had a horse that had a Spavin for a long time and I had tried nearly every kind of medicine when a neighbor told me to use Kendall's Spavin Cure, which I did and it acted wonderfully."

Kendall's Spavin Cure is the most untried experiment, but the world's standard remedy for all swellings, Soft Bunches and Lameness in horse and man.

Used the world over for 40 years. Every farmer, stockman, carpenter, mason, literary proprietor and horse owner generally should keep it always on hand.

\$1 a bottle—6 for \$5. Ask your dealer for free copy of our book "A Treatise On The Horse"—or write us. DR. B. J. KENDALL CO. St. Enosburg Falls, Vermont.

HONEST.

She—"Do you love me more than any other girl you ever knew, George?" He—"Er—I love you more than any other girl who would have me."

Minard's Liniment Cures Dandruff.

"George is a very grouchy sort of man, isn't he?" "Yes; won't even ride in anything but a sulky."

No one need endure the agony of corns with Holloway's Corn Cure at hand to remove them.

Most men prefer a well-formed woman to one who is well informed.

Camphor Ice Vaseline

for Chapped Skin and Lips. Cold Sores. Windburn.

12 Vaseline Remedies in Tubes. Capicum, Borel, Mentholated, Carbollated, Camphorated, White, Oxide of Zinc, etc. Each for special purposes. Write for Free Vaseline Book to

Shiloh's Cure

quickly stops coughs, cures colds, heals the throat and lungs. 25 cents.

NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS

I extend to all customers and friends
my best wishes for a

Very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Your patronage has helped to make
our business this year one of the most
successful we have ever had, and if
honest effort on our part can still hold
your good opinion our relations in 1911
will be even more pleasant than in the
past.

GEO. E. REYNOLDS,
SHOE KING

S. A. MURPHY

Extends to his Friends and Patrons
BEST WISHES FOR

A HAPPY NEW YEAR

and assures them that in the coming year he will
continue to render the same high-class service in
PAINTING AND DECORATING
as he has done in the past years.

Shop Opened Every Saturday.

The Mutual Life Assurance Company OF CANADA

I wish all my Policyholders
and everybody else many
happy returns of this festive
season.

BURROWS, of Belleville.

FREE TRIP TO THE OLD COUNTRY!

Open to all Readers of the NEWS-ARGUS

The Family Herald and Weekly Star, of Montreal, is going to
send three or more of their readers to the Old Country next June at
the time of the Coronation, with all expenses paid from any part of
Canada and a liberal allowance for spending money.

We have completed arrangements with the Family Herald pub-
lishers by which our readers can enter the competition for this prize
trip, and it certainly will be a trip to be remembered.

HERE ARE THE CONDITIONS

The issue of the Family Herald and Weekly Star of September
15th, 1910, had 656,370 readers, based on an average of five readers to
each paid subscription.

How Many Readers will the Issue of March
15, 1911, on the same basis have?

We offer THE STIRLING NEWS-ARGUS and the Family Herald
and Weekly Star for one year at \$1.00, and every person accepting
this offer has the right to make an estimate, and the Family Herald
and Weekly Star will send the first three of its readers who make the
correct or nearest correct estimate to England with all expenses paid
from any part of Canada and a liberal allowance for spending money.

Estimate coupons can be had at this office, which must be filled
in and accompany your subscription to the two papers.

The Family Herald and Weekly Star, of Montreal, is the greatest
Family and Farm paper on this continent, and can safely be depended
upon to carry out this unique competition impartially. We hope to
see some of our readers win the trip. Send your subscriptions in now.

\$50.00

As an extra inducement we will give \$50 to the NEWS-ARGUS
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second or third in the Family Herald's competition.

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The Toronto Star (Daily).....	2.25
The Toronto Globe (Daily).....	4.50
Earn and Dairy.....	1.75
The Farmers Advocate, weekly.....	2.50
The Home Journal, Toronto.....	1.90
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STAIR, GRILL AND VERANDA
WORK A SPECIALTY.

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The peculiar properties of Chamberlain's
Cough Remedy have been thoroughly
tested during epidemics of influenza, and
when it was taken in time we have not
heard of a single case of pneumonia. Sold
by all dealers.

Seymour Power and Electric Company

(Campbellford Herald)

The end of the year will see the final
completion of the first power house of
this tremendous undertaking. The
Canadian General Electric Co. are now
engaged in setting up the fifth 1000 h.p.
generator in the power house at St
Stephen's Dam, and the transmission
line gang expect to connect wires of
the second line to Stirling by January
1st, 1911.

The growth of this undertaking is
one to marvel at, and it can be easily
seen that the company lacks neither fi-
nancial strength or men of energy and
purpose in accomplishing what has
been done in the past twenty months.
As the towns from Deseronto to Osha-
wa are soon to be in a position to get
the benefit of this great work it would
not be at all amiss at this time of the
final completion of the Company's first
power house, to give a short sketch of
its career.

The Company started building opera-
tions in March of last year, and within
nine months of the turning of the first
sod, had developed 2000 h. p., and were
transmitting power to the Deloro
Mining Company at Deloro, which
company is controlled by Mr. M. J.
O'Brien, who also has a large interest
in the power company. During the
same period work was commenced on
the Northumberland Pulp Co.'s building
in this town. These were completed
and went into operation last July. This
is one of the first industries fi-
nanced and controlled by the power
company, and their handsome premises
and modernly equipped mill is the ad-
miration of the community.

We have learned in an interview
with Mr. Colville, one of the Directors
and general solicitor for the company,
that by-laws for power contracts and
franchises are being voted on in the
next four weeks in Deseronto, Port
Hope, Newcastle, Orona and Bowman-
ville, and while we in Campbellford re-
gret that the company is taking its
power to such distant fields, we cannot
but congratulate our neighbors in their
good fortune.

The Company is already supplying
light and power to Deloro, Sutherland,
Madoc Stirling, Belleville and Trenton,
and are building sub-stations in Bright
on, Colborne and Cobourg, and will, we
are informed, be in a position to supply
all these towns as well as those on
which their franchises are being voted
on by August 1st, next.

The Seymour Power Company is
owned and controlled by the Electric
Power Company, Limited, which Com-
pany also owns and controls The Peter-
boro Light and Power Company, The
Peterboro Radial Company, The
Auburn Power Company, The Trenton
Electric and Water Company, The Co-
bourg Utilities Corporation, The Brigh-
ton Electric Co., The City Gas Co., and
The Sidney Electric Power Company.
This last company owns the water
powers on the Trent from Trenton
North, and is developing 5000 h. p. at
Dam No. 2, Trenton, which power will
be put on the market by May or June
next. The Auburn Power Co. is also
building a \$900,000 plant at Peterboro.

The Seymour Co. and its sister cor-
porations own and control in the neigh-
borhood of 100,000 h. p. in the Trent
waterways, and intend, we are in-
formed to expend in the neighborhood
of six million dollars in the district
bounded by Oshawa on the west, Lind-
say on the south and Kingston on the
east. This will mean a new era for the
towns within this district and it be-
lieves our Municipal Council to get
busy at once to see if the company will
not install more industries like the
Northumberland Pulp Company in our
midst.

Mr. J. G. G. Kerry, now of Toronto,
the President of the Company, is well-
known and most highly esteemed here,
where he lived for over a year, and it is
deeply regretted that the head offices of
the Company have been moved.

Our own municipal plant will soon
have the additional 1000 kilowatt gener-
ator which is being installed by the
Seymour Company and which is being
leased to the Company for the next four
years.

It has been a tremendous undertak-
ing on the part of the officials of the
company, and we feel that at this time
its home town should congratulate the
company and proffer its good wishes
for its future, at the same time hoping
the company will reciprocate by using
a good part of its immense resources in
our town.

Cool Reception.

This one hails from Ottawa and
goes back the few days to Hal-
lowe'en. In answer to the hopeful
insistent calls of a gang of young-
sters, an upstairs window of the house
under attack was opened, and the
head of the head of the house was
thrust forth. "How many are there
of you?" asked the householder, and
the revellers eagerly informed him
that they numbered seven. The head
was withdrawn, but soon reappeared,
saying, "Well, share that among
you." "That" was a pail of cold
water.

Wedding Invitations

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"BATEESE" IN WINTER

LIFE IN THE LUMBER CAMPS AP-
PEALS TO THE HABITANT.

The French-Canadian Peasant is a
Personality Unequaled the World
Over, and His Happy-go-Lucky
Nature is Never so Well Suited as
In the Winter Camp—It Means
Money—Never Feels the Cold.

What particular quality there is
connected with the Canadian Hab-
itant which compels the admiration of
every man, woman and child who
comes into contact with this joyous
spirit of the great northern forest is
hard to explain. He is the soul of
good nature, says one. He is happi-
ness personified, a combination of
rough strength and tenderness, a
child-like being for whom the dawning
of each day opens up a new world
of song and adventure, declare others.
Somehow one wishes it were possible
to combine all these characteristics
into one word which alone would
picture the nature of this most like-
able being about whom some of the
sweetest songs in the world are sung
and some of the most thrilling stories
told.

In the valleys of Quebec all through
the golden summer the Habitants
live with their wives and children
and, for all that a stranger might
know, are but simple farmers. Al-
ways jovial and deeply interested in
their home life and families, to all
appearances Jean and Pierre and all
the rest of them are quite contented
with their simple country existence.
But visit these little isolated farms at
the time of the year when the days
are shortening and the first snow is
falling and inquire for your old sum-
mer time friends. "Gone," say the wives
and little Habitant youngsters will
tell you, smiling at your ignorance.
"Everyone gone to the lumber
camps." Not a man who can swing
an axe or drive a team would miss
the winter season in the big timber.
For six long months they live in the
brooding silence and eerie whistling
of the great Canadian forest. By in-
stinct, by training, they love the
woods; they love the work, and,
above all, they love the joyous, greg-
arious life of the camps, where 50 or
80 men are housed under one roof.

The Habitant is by no means the re-
served man which he is supposed to
be. On the contrary, he is a
particularly convivial person, and
his social instinct is ministered to by
the life in the crowded camp; where
the hard work in the bitter cold is
made merry by shout and song, and
where the long evenings are passed
in the telling of tales and the singing
of old Canadian roundels as the
men lounge in their bunks, or gather
in groups about the roaring box-
stove.

"Such a thing as a cold is absolute-
ly unknown to the Quebec lum-
bermen," writes Birge Harrison, who
spent some time a winter or two ago
in the Habitant camps, "which goes
far to prove the theory that colds
have nothing whatever to do with
cold. These men dress no more
heavily than we do in the latitude of
New York; often go bare-handed, and
perform their ablutions in the snow,
which freezes on one surface while it
is melting on another. Personal
cleanliness is not their strong point,
however. They are washed so clean
inside by the eternal bath of oxygen
in which they live that they have a
fine scorn for the condition of their
external man. Many of them do not
undress during the entire winter.
Personally I was unable to attain to
this happy disregard for physical
cleanliness—again, perhaps, because I
did not remain long enough in camp.
After sleeping in my clothes for a
week I began to pine consumedly for
a bath."

"Fat pork is the one article of food
in which the Habitants put greatest
faith. Venison—which it may be said
grows all 'round them—they regard
as we regard bread, useful to fill in
the chinks."

In addition to pork the diet con-
sists of pea soup (which is served
by the quart) bread, apple sauce
made of dried apples, and a rich mo-
lasses gingerbread. I certainly saw
nothing else on the table during my
stay; and I can bear witness that this
menu, which under the ordinary con-
ditions of civilized life would have
wrecked my digestion in a very short
time, proved a most satisfying and
wholesome diet out here in the woods.
The men seemed to crave no change
of food, and they were a wonderfully
rugged and sturdy lot.

"For the Habitant the cold is a
nothing. He is a hardy fellow, indeed,
the 'white' whisky at some wedding
or christening has been served with
too free a hand; for alcohol is more
deadly in high latitudes than even
in the tropics. But alcohol is never
allowed in the camps."

There is one curious contradiction
in the Habitant's attitude towards his
climatic surroundings. If he flouts
the cold out of doors, he will bask
willingly in a temperature of 90 de-
grees inside. He will roast all night
and be none the worse for it, appar-
ently, in the morning.

"When in early May, the sudden
Canadian spring comes to melt the
vast accumulation of snow on the
surrounding hills, these silent rivers
are transformed into rushing floods
and the logs thus set free start on
their long journey to mills on the
shores of the St. Lawrence, 40 or 50
miles away. This 'drive'—as it is
called—is the supreme test of the
wonderful vitality and endurance of
the Habitants. For two or three
weeks they work all day submerged
to their armpits in icy water, battling
with the interminable processions of
floating logs; shoving, coaxing, eas-
ing; ever watchful to prevent the
dreaded 'jam,' which would tie up
the whole harvest for a year. Then
they lie down in their wet clothing
to snatch a few hours' sleep, while
another gang continues on during the
night, for there must be no cessation
of vigilance until the whole harvest
is floated safely down to the mill."

Feeling hospitably inclined, the
members of the party brought up the
vicinity of the store, and the store
started distributing it among the
noble redmen. The latter, of course,
eagerly accepted the gifts of the
weed, and, as news of the good for-
tune spread among the Indians in
the vicinity of the store, more and
more of them came trooping in.

Among the newer arrivals was an
old Indian of striking appearance,
and to him also the visitors offered
tobacco. To their surprise he made
no reply, but sat there, and thinking
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so through imagining that he would
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"It's no use offering it to him," said
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IMITATIVE SUICIDE.

Many Persons Are Moved to Self-
Destruction by Reading of Others.

The subject of imitative suicides
has recently attracted attention in the
public press. The mental condition
of an individual who commits suicide
is difficult to fathom. In one class
of case a person will fancy that he is
being constantly persecuted, that he
is always watched, or that he is fin-
ally ruined—all these ideas being
contrary to fact; he destroys himself
in order to escape these imaginary
evils.

Such a man is obviously of unsound
mind. In another class of case a
man has committed a crime or dis-
graced himself in some way, and in
order to free himself from the conse-
quences of his act, he takes his own
life in preference to facing exposure
or the punishment entailed. Such an
individual is not necessarily insane.
But there is yet another class—
people who are subject to attacks of
depression and who are apt to brood
over real or imagined injuries. These
are weak-minded, or may be on the
border line between sanity and insan-
ity.

Or another class likely to act upon
some sudden impulse are the alco-
holics. In these passing suggestion
is likely to result in some deed of
violence often of a suicidal nature.
Such impulses are susceptible of being
spread by imitation. Reading in the
newspaper of a mode of self-de-
struction which is likely to excite
great notoriety has been known to
induce a similar act in the reader; a
suicide of coal gas, especially when
a description has been given of the
exact manner in which the deed was
carried out, has found imitators.

More particularly, however, the
sight of a particular spot or locality
where previous suicides have taken
place may induce a person, who may
hitherto have been unsuspected of
any such disposition, to destroy him-
self. Falls from heights especially
come under this heading. Numerous
suicides have taken place from the
suspension bridge at Clifton, England.
A writer in the Yorkshire Evening
News has recently said that much
harm is done by pictures and descrip-
tions, and that imitative suicide may
follow. We agree with him that the
necessary suggestion may be evolved
in such means. The suggestion may
act on the conscious mind or the sub-
conscious.

Good-Though Live—Indian.

An interesting sidelight on an In-
dian of Western Canada was discover-
ed by a party of Ontario men a short
time ago at a Hudson Bay post on
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